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Saturday, JANUARY 1, 1944.

Norfolk House. 9 - 4 pm.
Discussion with Tiemann, Spencer, Krick about need for weather central U.K. forecasting section.

Sunday, JANUARY 2, 1944.

Monday, JANUARY 3, 1944.

N.H. 9 - 6.45:
Preparing mem^m on met. organization for COSSAC and field services for Army & Air Force.

Tieman, Spencer, Bennett in Room 330 N.H.

Tuesday, JANUARY 4, 1944.

Wednesday, JANUARY 5, 1944.

Meeting at Victory House to consider arrangements for providing Advice to SHAEF & Commanders-in-C. DDMS DMO ADMS(H). ADMS(F). Staffs Cols Tiemann, Moorman, Simmonds, Spencer. Stdr Farquharson & Bird [illegible] sec[illegible];

Most useful meeting.

Later meeting with DDMS & DMO, ADMS(H) to discuss possible candidates for AEAF HQ to work with Col. Spencer.

Thursday, JANUARY 6, 1944.

Drafted letter for AEAF (sent to MO) about
British Chief Met: Officer (R/Capt).
Talk across & discussed with DDMO.

Friday, JANUARY 7, 1944.

Draft letter for AEAF HQ taken by Col. Spencer (USAAF)
SHAEF.

Saturday, JANUARY 8, 1944.

Put up letter to Gen Bull enclosing mem^n on machinery of coordination of forecasts for SAC.

Discussed with A/Cmdre Strafford the importance of Chief of COSSAC relative to AEAF. He agreed that AEAF were important but said that in view of ~~[illegible]~~ wishes to get U.S. here to accept G/Capt in charge COSSAC, difficult to raise question for AEAF.

Sunday, JANUARY 9, 1944.

Monday, JANUARY 10, 1944.

U.S. Van Dyk (Engineer): discussion on Elaboration forecasts for US Army on currents, tides etc.

Mowman present

Tuesday, JANUARY 11, 1944.

Studying sheets of Douglas's Q + V day spells to prepare comments on Neptune Committee 21 AG report.

Memⁿ on machinery for Coordination at SAC + Cs-in-C level accepted by Gen Bull (with compliments) + distributed to Cs-in-C.

Still have no British Assistance.
Working with Col. Tiemann + Serg. Gallant in same room: full of distractions + cigar smoke, telephones + visitors (US).
Rather despondent about whole job.
(1) Direct admin Gen. Bull – Tiemann
(2) Tiemann rather difficult about small, unsubstantial things not v. helpful on major matters.
(3) Interruptions (U.S. talk + telephones) annoying
(4) Sergeant Gallant incompetent
(5) I am trying to do job of S/Capts TAF + AEAF + as well as no 8 (Lawrence not capable).
(6) I am a civilian in a purely military establishment.

Wednesday, JANUARY 12, 1944.

Meeting with DDMO + DMO about relative importance of L.Int.Os at COSSAC + AEAF.
Explained that in my view COSSAC relatively unimportant: no Air or Naval repts in COSSAC etc.
DMO + DDMO did not accept my views.

At Victory House from 10 am. to 7.30 pm.

Decided

W.O. to see Col Eden about 2 SL Sets.
Drafted letter for DDMS. To see and ? to Brig. Sayer.

Brig. McClean visited Met Office COSSAC. I explained significance of 9 spells and the intervals between them and stressed the need for verbal interpretation of met. at conferences.

Representative M + Tn came to ask about 5th quiet day investigation to June. ! Said S/Ldr Farquharson already doing this for Brig McKellop

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Informed by U.S. Col. Jones about move to another room. Objected but finally had to agree

Frequent attempts to get in touch with W.O. Sigs SA.

Finally went across and arranged meeting at 5pm with Col. Harrison G.1 Sigs SA and Major Crosthwaite about Army communication channels for Army met.

2. Meeting with G/Capt Evans and W/C Burgh... about TAF communication.
Found they had not studied MO8 ~~[illegible]~~ statement. Rewrote their draft and discussed with them – all rather unsatisfactory.

3. Meeting with W.O. Sigs SA (see 1 above): found they did not know our reqts and anyway they could do nothing unless instructed by W.O.
Discussion on use of "Spare" receivers allocated to Corps and Div.
Wrote report for MO8 file.

Saturday, JANUARY 15, 1944.

At M.H. Then called to M.O. by DMO.
Discussed (1) AEAF letter about Control C. Met.O.
& (2) Met. reqts for Planning C.
DMO decided to have meeting on Tuesday.

All this time Col. Tiemann not doing much except
when I am working on a specific M.H. job &
this not much these days!

Sunday, JANUARY 16, 1944.

Monday, JANUARY 17, 1944.

Meeting at Victory House 3 pm. to discuss Army
Sigs communications for Met. Organisation.

Moved from Room 320 to 322 away at end of
corridor, & a nasty room away from everybody.
When all told we shall have to walk away
North.

Preparing notes for meeting this aft[n] at Victory House
on Army Met. Comm. Channels.

~~Meeting in DMO's Room Victory House.~~
~~DMO, DDMO, Col. Tiemann, Stagg~~
Meeting in DDMO's Room to discuss Army & TAF
communications.
All rather disconnected & unhelpful.

Tuesday, JANUARY 18, 1944.

3pm - 5.45

Meeting DMO's room to discuss arrangements for met. facilities for Rankin C operation.

DMO Col Tieman(?)

DDMO Stagg.

Not very helpful.

Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 1944.

Writing minutes of yesterday's meeting in Victory House:

Modification in AEAF's Statement of Signals facilities for TAF submitted to W/Cdr Wrightman(?).

1st Conference with Gen Eisenhower in 6th Floor.

All officers at rank Col. & G/Capt.

(1) U.S. & British Relations
(2). Confidence in Operation
(3) Thanks for work done in planning
(4) Approach to Gen Eisenhower himself

A short but inspiring conference.

Saw G/Capt Hlane(?) about airfields to be used for Rankin C.

Thursday, JANUARY 20, 1944.

Wrote mem^n on use of Smoke Met. Facilities arising out of circulation of Report of Smoke Screens from N. Africa.
Submitted mem^m to AC of S.

Gen Morgan called for me & spoke about Organisation generally. Particularly mentioned Organisation for expanding Met Services on Continent after bridgehead formed. I explained what was proposed: he suggested Col. McFie might help.
Contacted (tried to) Col. Mackie (Turkish Liaison Section) but found away: arranged meeting for Monday.

Wrote mem^n on Met. Organisation in Continent (taking over Civil Admin. Organisation etc) for reply to Gen. Morgans letter.

Wrote mem^n for A/C Stafford on advice for AEAF about US Midship about Met. for Land Armies.

Friday, JANUARY 21, 1944.

Studying question of "trafficability" & also extension of Climatological studies to Time.

Also helped advise Col Tieman on charts to be prepared for deciding at what airfields would need Met. Section in the Continent (Rankin C).

Saturday, JANUARY 22, 1944.

~~Spent~~ · Called by Gen Bull to discuss
(a) Coordination of reports from other Mil. Officers
(b) How & when forecasts are to be provided.
(a) We must try see that MJC reports are not submitted with mil. appendices which we at MH may have to comment adversely on. (Gen Bull had in mind MJC 4 which had recently commented on). Reason — all this had been done before we arrived here.
(b). Forecasts to be submitted to SAC long before D day.

All rest of morning spent trying to get moonlight diagrams ready in time for A/C Stafford. First got TAF to make them to HMS [illegible] Kimball to get proofs from Hydrographic Dept.

Sunday, JANUARY 23, 1944.

Note for past week
Still with Tremann & Sgt Gallant in Room 322. — much distraction with phoning, talking visitors etc.
Still no British Assistant at Norfolk House — cannot make up my mind about Evans or Cook.

Monday, JANUARY 24, 1944.

1. Obtd. Night Illumination Diagrams from TAF very belated (after much phoning) & took to Air Trans.
2. Meeting in Met Section room
Col. Senter, Col Yates, Dr Rossby } U.S. visitors
Col Spence, Col. Tremann }
Outlined our work on provision of information to SAC.
3. Batch of N. Illumination Diagrams from Hydrographic Dept. arrived via Citadel:
took & explained them to A/C Stafford & then to Brig. McLean & Capt. Mansergh.
4. Arranged with Mr Best meeting on Soil trafficability
5. Meeting with Col. Wachfeld (European Research Section MH)
~~6. Meeting with W/Cdr Cattell~~ Cancelled.
Decided to prepare questionnaire for submission to Belgian, Dutch & Norwegian authorities
(2) to get closer part in [illegible].

Tuesday, JANUARY 25, 1944.

Discussion with Col. Tiemann on extension of climatological studies for May & June.
Decided on procedure to be followed by Tiemann on further discussions.

Discussed with Tiemann coordination of planning advice by "outside" met officers. Decided to have meeting of 21 A/G, AEAF, Navy & 9th Air Force C. met O's on Thursday at 3 pm.
Arranged by telephone with Capt Garbett (for Fleming & Mr Farquharson).

Wednesday, JANUARY 26, 1944.

Visited Victory House to get accuracy of Meteor. U/A data for Spencer for AEAF.
Consulted DDMO about questionnaire on met. organisation in Europe etc for representatives of these countries.
Attended (my first) Plans & Ops conference at G.D.O. Brigs. Bevins (US) & McLean (presided).
Discussed how to get weather reqts for Overlord those present decided with Col. Kutz (Ops A) should write memo on subject.
Heard Freeman explain Krick's "Analogue" System: we may have to depend on this for long range stuff if Dean at Single confirms this.
Explained transference of U.S. to British weather reports with Col Odling (Artillery Section)

Ordered 5000 copies. Form 2237 (Overlay 2-mile Chart of N. France Area) via Mr Browne.

First meeting of 'Overlord' Council: Dr. Spencer, Moorman, Farquharson, & Fleming & Freemann. at N. House. Discussed.
(1) Coordination of Met. Planning advice
(2) Met. Orgn for Rankin C
(3) Codes (F 11 instead of F 14)
(4) Communication arrangements for high level set up. (Pref. met. lines)

Meeting with AEAF & TAF Signals (W/Cdr Bonyhams & Plaunt) & Chief O TAF.
Substantially agreed but Farquharson to consult. SMetO: 83 & 84 groups concerning reports.

Request from Col. Spencer for estimate of accuracy of R/winds for airborne work: passed to E.U. (Douglas) by phone.

Freeman analysing colour diagrams of weather conditions for Overlord.

Preparing notes on yesterday's C.Met.O meeting.

W/C Broughton (Sig) asked about signals met. reports on the Ship.
Consulted Capt. Garbett who said he told Cdr Fleming on enquiring what is involved.

Cdr Fleming came to N.H. en route to Ad. Creasy. I explained working of N.H. Show plans are not at all fixed yet: need to be ready for any kind of enquiry.

Saturday, JANUARY 29, 1944.

D.M.O. called me to Victory House. Spoke on 3 matters
(1) He is asking Cranna to compile information on Met. Services in E.O.T's in 3 stages
(a) before war
(b) up to ~~at~~ time of occupation by Germany
(c) Since occupation to present time.
(2) Meeting to discuss procedure for verifying Krick's L.R. Forecasts; D.M.O. will call meeting shortly.
He said special study should be made of those trends and types which lead to the weather conditions required for Overlord.
(3) Mobilisation of J.M.S.
D.M.O. said A.V.M. Wigglesworth had asked when I would be mobilised.
D.M.O. asked me why I should be mobilised.
(1) H. House a military establishment: the S.C. had a right to say who he would have on his staff.

~~Sunday, JANUARY 30, 1944.~~

(2) D.M.O. had told Gen. Bull, I would be G/Capt: If I did not be, Gen Bull should have been informed so that he could have decided what to do. As it is, he may think I am a Conscientious Objector
(3) Difficulties of working: called to interview Chief of Section who sees my name as G/Capt: When I appear as civilian the Chief does not know how to deal with me. Have had to sit down to give him opportunity to consult.
(4) Have been precluded from attending meetings purely for operations until specially confirmed by C/S.

The discussion was heated: D.M.O. said he had done all he could: I said he should have intimated me or informed G. Bull. He said "he would see what he could do."

Monday, JANUARY 31, 1944.

Information about wind direction frequencies & speeds in Salisbury Plain area to G/C MacIntyre, Airborne.

Wrote & dictated Directive on Met. for Rankin C.

Discussed climatology – ways of setting out & extension with Tieman.

Discussion with AEAF on Signals for AEAF

G/C Clelland: Ops Plans Policy.
wanted statement of Met. policy: ~~recommended~~ ~~approved Combined Spaces~~ I said I would provide for British side & showed him what had recently been sent to D.M.O. I said I would get Tieman to produce U.S. policy.
Tieman discussed with Spencer who came up, visited Clelland & Clelland accepted the COSSAC directive to AEAF about C in C being responsible for Met. for Army, etc. Spencer had explained this does not applied to British Service.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 1, 1944.

(1) Extended climatological investigations with Cdr. Tennant.

(2) G/C McIntyre Airborne: discussion on intensity of illumination at various twilight.

(3) Col Spencer AEAF
discussed synoptic facilities for TAF etc.
also new met. reqts for 85 & 38 Groups.

Visited Dentist (2 Ho spring's): 1st visit since 9th Feb. 1943 when we temp. stopping.
To go back in 3-4 months.

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Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2, 1944.

Writing Draft Note of extended climatological studies on May & June ... etc for AC of S.

Wrote letter regarding Stockup senior conference.

Had discussion with Mr Duval in preparation for meeting on operational Tomorrow: drafted agenda.

Attended morning conference with G3 officers.

Cdr Henning brought naval mem^a & discussed details of his duties.

Thursday, FEBRUARY 3, 1944.

Meeting on Trafficability: 1030 Victory House.
– a fairly big company with DDMO chairman – much talk about details of soil characteristics, so on but little definite decided.

Lt/Col. Holzman, Widewing came back to N.H. & discussed L.R. f/casting etc: an intelligent officer.

Gen Bull called me to talk about f/casts for D-day. D day will be decided provisionally in advance. It could be delayed "by 2 days in each suitable moon & tide period" and by 28 days in each monthly period.

S. Cmd[r] will require a f/cast on D-2 for the days D-2 to D+3 with some assurance that D+4 to D+6 will not stop further landings.

Provisional f/casts will be given for the whole week preceding D-2. The final decision can be put off on two successive days but no longer without deferring a whole month.

Gen Bull made some alterations in a statement on the f/casting procedure put out by C in C. The words "weather trend will be f/cast" were used & I tried to explain to Gen Bull the difference between a trend & a f/cast. Don't suspect that the changes made in the ... will not make very good understanding ... . Was not allowed to take the document away – or even to see it properly. I think it contained a provisional date for D day.

Gen Bull told me of AM decision about mobilisation. Would not be mobilised but civilian uniform would be given £50 a year for increased expenses. Gen Bull is to enquire what it really means for accepting.

DDMO had told me this this morning & said I'd be put into uniform today if I wished.

Friday, FEBRUARY 4, 1944.

Gen West D/AC of S (G-3) (under Gen Bull) called me to speak of the renewed offer of wearing uniform without mobilisation. Should SHAEF accept. Said I'd consider matter.

Consulted W/Cdr Britton: would lose £130 straight as well as many minor things.

Decided to accept subject to provision of ~~...~~ being allowed to live at home, etc.

Letter to AEAF, TAF & 9th AF about Signals communication, requiring details of schedules (times & contents).

Discussion with W/Cdr Burchfield about Rankin C (Air): he said no met requirements. Col. ... (who came to SHAEF to enquire about this) agreed we should continue planning.

1. Attended G-3, 4 etc officers conference, 9.30.
2. Note to Gen West suggesting we accept H.M. offer of my wearing uniform without pay.
3. Issued to Chief. O's concerned, draft Intel Random C procedure.
4. No decision yet about move to Widewings - except that there is suggestion of March 1st.
5. Brig Nevins called me to discuss issue of memo to CinCs about using our Intel Section. I promised to make a draft for discussion with planners as first step.

Sunday, FEBRUARY 6, 1944.

1. Writing "Staff Memo" for issue to Chiefs of Staff, Navy, Air, & Army on functions & scope of our section. (at request of Brig Nevins)
2. Information on T/P line requirements to Continent given to Lt Col Hall (Air Formation Signals).

Note on conversation made for AEAF comm's file.

3. Interviewed Capt Christensen (E.U.) on Norwegian Intel organisation in Col Macphie's room.
4. Requests from AEAF Ops. (McCloughry & Lucas).
   (1) Freq'y of 1000 ft cloud in April - June.
   (2) Duration of light, dusk & dark in March - June.

Col Street AEAF got out (2) {he had come up from AEAF}: answer to (1) from Dunst;

First day in uniform as G/Capt: (very little notice taken & that eulogistic) Lunch at Whitehall Club.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 8, 1944.

Gen Bull sent for me
(1) Any objections to Col. Tiemann's return to U.S. – Sorry personally, but thought it might be for his good: unsettled: an outside offer
(2) Forecasts to be provided.
(a) each Monday for Thursday Friday Sat.
(b) Inquiry on Monday on previous forecasts.
At first only Gen. Bull to see – till about mid March.
then a conference of the people concerned – to early April
then to a full conference.
I explained not yet quite ready – no basis for accepting confidence to U.S. Long Range Forecasts: validity of forecasts would vary from winter to summer etc.
But he thought it necessary to start now.
Gen Bull instructed me to write a procedure.
(3) Sent to AEAF & with 8 copy of mem^a on T/O Levies to 8 Supp.
(4) Dictated notes on yesterday's interview with Capt. Christensen.

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 9, 1944.

1. Attended G-2 conference: no outstanding item of importance. – except introduction of 'Y' day by wks. all preparations to be complete
2. With Col. Tiemann, visited Col. Yates at Widewing & discussed supply of long range forecasts. Left that Col. Yates provide a forecast each Monday for Thurs–Sat. I am to (1) fix up conference with G-2 & (2) arrange for charts to be supplied to Widewing & SHAEF.
3. Col. Tiemann working out tables of Daylight, Moon & Darkness for March – June.
4. U.S. Airborne wanted explanation of Astronomical data for May–June: done by telephone with Capt. Gallant.
5. I checked typescript of Extended climatological data prior to retyping.
6. Progress report.

Thursday, FEBRUARY 10, 1944.

Called to see Brig Gen Nevins.
(1) he has modified my draft letter on function of weather bulletin for issue to Chief of Staff. As Army & Navy: stepped it up. He showed me revised version to which I agreed.

Wrote notes to accompany Astronomical Data. Had them duplicated.

- Victory [illegible] discussed issue by ETO of [illegible] Mead with DDMO.
We agreed that ETO must try though (according to DMO) should not have agreed to provide [illegible]. Will not send a forecast. (That is as may be)
DDMO discussed with DMO: they decided to have a meeting with Belham, Douglas & Robinson on Monday or Tuesday.

Col. Tumann now sure he is going home: very restless: much of my time frittered away.

Friday, FEBRUARY 11, 1944.

Wrote notes to go on photostat copies of Q & U diagrams reproduced in black & white at Ordnance.
Also wrote notes on how these diagrams were prepared, to be issued with summary of study.

Discussed Op. Neni on Feldwell Ag. with S/C Clelland: he will discuss with A/C Stratford.

Discussed with Col Spencer latest AEAF views on Rankin C & also 38 Group reg. at Ringway & Ashbourne.

Studied Farquharson's recent climatological note on 14 day spells.

W/Sergeant Gallant & Col. Tumann both wasting my time.
Gallant now told he is being posted away & Tumann unsettled waiting news of return to U.S.

Saturday, FEBRUARY 12, 1944.

Remained at Home.

Sunday, FEBRUARY 13, 1944.

Monday, FEBRUARY 14, 1944.

A/Cdr McCloughry Ops. AEAF. Some astronomical data for June 1st: Also asked for time of sunrise etc. at various heights above ground.

Consulted ADM(OH) who consulted DDMO. Result: no authoritative information available. SDI No 57 is cancelled as inaccurate (worked out only on geometrical basis) & Air Almanac also agreed to be inaccurate by its Director (Mr Sandler). A Committee under Astronomer Royal set up with representative of Bomber Cmd (S/Ldr Fitz) etc. Result ~~set~~ make photometric obsns to determine illumination level at various heights. The trouble is that the problem is not simply geometric: Scattering of light from atmosphere above is of great importance & the law of scattering at great heights not known.

Actually some experts from Aldergrove said that the illumination at 30000 ft with Sun 9° below the horizon at that point, about the same as illumination on ground with sun 9° below surface horizon.

Later (in aftn) went to ~~[illegible]~~ U.S. 8th Air Force (High Wycombe) Col. Seaver with Col Tenmann then on to Bovingdon & home by Watford road.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 15, 1944.

Very little doing.
Read Petterssen's text book on forecasting.

Late aft[n] DDMO called me to conference in DMO's room ... about Ela's arrangements for providing L.R. forecasting.

Decided that in first instance Dunstable & Ela would confer on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, & send to me the result of their agreement on forecast for next 5 or 6 days.

I would (1) send Ela (via DDMO) summary of information supplied to Cs in C. at SHAEF.

(2) arrange to use scrambler at SHAEF for conference with Ela on H[ead]...

Col. Tremaine continuing very restless - particularly in that there is so relatively little for him to do personally & because he has yet no information about decision to ... home.

The fragile state of ... keeps me from doing many little jobs I might could profitably do.

Sergt. Gallant still as stupid & unresponsive as ever.

No other assistance.

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 16, 1944.

Consulted Signals SHAEF about scrambler hook-up arrangements.
Informed DDMO of progress.

Lt Col Bist Portland Court 114 has details in hand.

Attended G-3 conference: Brig Nevins announced that ... paper on functions, capabilities etc of Met Sectn SHAEF has been submitted to C. of S. Other items of no immediate concern.

Lt Col. Bist visited office to explain what is being done, notes made on Col. Moore's letter.

Letter to MO8 about Signals arrangements for TAF etc; replying to draft minutes of meeting of 11th January.

All day out visiting U.S. stations with Col. Tiemann
(1) H.Q. Bomber Cmd. of 9th Air Force (Marks Hall)
(corresp. with 2 Group of TAF)
Col. Hemphill & Major Stevens
(2) Fighter Wing 9th Air Force.
Mobile Met Section Boxted. (Capt. McFall)
Mobile office too small: only plotting done in office,
Forecasts, analysis etc prepared in adjacent tent.

Left Cumberland Hotel 9 am (Left Richmond 8.4)
Arrived St. Marks Hall 11.15. (Lunch 1230)
Left M. Hall 2.30. Boxted 3.15.
Left Boxted. 5.30
Arrived Cumberland 7.20 pm.
Arrived Richmond 8.15 pm.

L Met. much doing in morning.

2. p.m. Discussion Col. Krick on form wh. L.R. forecast for AC of S G-3 to be submitted. Said thought they were expecting this to appear too many details at once.

3 Col. Spencer, AEAF.
Discussed ~~[illegible]~~ Schedule of Met. transmission & reception for TAF & IXth Air Force: agreed plan provisionally: to be submitted to Stagg & Moorman again.

Saturday, FEBRUARY 19, 1944.

To Widewing (Teddington) by train & then by car with Col. Yates & Col. Holzman to [illegible].
Meeting with Bilham & Douglas to fix up details of arrangements for providing L.R. Heads each Monday for the period Tuesday to Saturday.
Details of meeting in appropriate file.
Continued meeting till 2 pm. & came straight home to Richmond by car 3.30.

Sunday, FEBRUARY 20, 1944.

Monday, FEBRUARY 21, 1944.

Provided Gen. Bull with first L.R. Heads' after speaking to Col. Krick (Widewing) & Douglas etc.

Gen. Bull said we could move out to Widewing as soon as we like: proposed date for G-3, March 5th; Tiemann & I arrived on 29/2.

Drafted new mem.n on Met Section functions etc. for Col. Lash.

Discussed Spec.d (functional) mem.n with G/C Oddland. Decided that Col. Spencer will write for AEAF met. services, referring to me for British side when necessary.

Wrote comments on Col. Moorman's draft directive on met. aspects of Rankin C. (revised). Who gave authority for transmitting met. information in clear: discussed with Tiemann & arranged [illegible] with DMO & D.U.S.W.S.

Discussed yesterday's U.K. Fcast with Widewing VE'a: no substantial change. Neither party except that Douglas was emphatic wind wld not veer beyond NE. If anything, NE'ly.

Cloud wld be broken but areas wld be clear some cloudy.

Went to Widewing with Col. Tamann to see new accommodation assigned to Met Sectn on transfer there, - outside the main HQ.

Came back & complained to Col. Jones (SD). - unhopeful of any change.

Col Spencer came to discuss new approach to AEAF letter to DDMO about 8th [illegible]. Discussed functions of [illegible] airfields required to exist on

(1) Full type 1 at Grp HQ
(2) F at Wing for night - supplemented by day fs.
(3) F at M.F. airfields: no forecasts by day.

Victory House: discussed Trafficability (new developments) with Durst & spent time with Mr Read & Absolam.

Consulted W/Cdr C-McCloughry about AVM Oxland's request to B. Cmd for information about bomber bases etc.

Discussed modification to Monday's Fcast with W.W. VE'a: no outstanding change.

Douglas said an unforecastable element had come in overnight (warm air producing more cloud effect than expected) but would revert to NE'ly regime on Thursday.

Winds would probably be lighter than at first expected. - fog patches.

Cmdr Fleming came to SHAEF, discussed procedure in Fcast conference on occasion of divergence of opinion, & procedure to give Admiralty copies of U.K. Fcasts. Admiralty met sectn cannot take part as a routine matter - not enough staff for week end work.

Col. Jones no information about change of met accomodation at W.W. - will consult Gen Bull tomorrow.

Col Tamann informed he will return to U.S.: He recommended that Col. Yates will be deputy if I am [illegible] but Col. Yates be in charge if I remain a civilian in uniform.

Called to DDMO at Victory House
(a) Rankin C for Norway: send him my papers
(b) Weather Charts for April, May & June: [illegible]
(c) Cypher for transmission in Rankin: write DDMO.

Commented on item in Trafficability prepared by Durst for Cabinet & returned it to him by hand.

W/Cdr MacPherson Airborne Ops: estimate of relative illumination from full moon in Dec & in June:
Found difficulty in confirming altitude of moon in June. Consulted several papers & books & finally got Dr Vick (Whitehall 6677 Ext. 14) to send table worked out.

Cmdr Fleming (telephone)
agreed (1) to send copy of our L.R. forecast
(2) he will send copy of his
(3) no immediate need for meeting: only subject wld be to discuss codes & cyphers.
(4) Admiralty to come into W.O.-E.A. hookup as soon as arrangements can be made.

Col. Spender. New Hq. to be formed ATAF between AEAF & the TAF Forces: will take over Br. Emp. communication functions. AEAF will not go o'seas. ATAF will.

DDMO. (tel) instructed me to inform Oxland that work going on will be submitted to him in batches of 2 or 3 years.

Cmdr Steere (U.S. Navy) left met. statement on Neptune for comment: discussed arrangements for provision of final f/cast for D day.

Gen Bull called me to his Office
(a) He is taking up with Wigglesworth & West. question of my status (militarisation)
(b) Asked if I was getting all the assistance I really required, e.g. from Holzman (WW) & from Petterssen (E.A.).
Explained what had been done: fullest possible cooperation from both sides
(c) Accommodation at W.W.: I am dissatisfied: shd be near Ops room. Gen Bull was lukewarm to need for proximity – "ours is not an Operational HQ": suggested room near Col. Yates. Gen Bull will examine on the spot this afternoon: meanwhile I stay on here.
I learned from Col. Tiemann that it is a report from Col. Rossby which has given rise to (a) & (b). He has recommended objection to my civilian status (I was civilian when he came here & Gen Bull knows I am still really civilian): this has come over to U.K. via Gen. Spaatz who in turn has passed it on to Gen Bull. Rossby is also responsible for insistence on Holzman & Petterssen.

Called later (5.15) to meeting in Gen Bull's office of Heads of Sections. Gen Bull related main items discussed at Chiefs of Staff meeting this morning. (See separate notes).
Informed that I would probably get improved accommodation at W.W. either near Ops Room or near AEAF: Col. Jones said I wld probably have to occupy presently allocated room for first 2 weeks.

Saturday, FEBRUARY 26, 1944.

Came into H. House only for a short time - no special dealings.

Col. Tremaine came back with me to 34 K.R. for his supper. (First visit)

Sunday, FEBRUARY 27, 1944.

Monday, FEBRUARY 28, 1944.

Spoke Douglas (Tremaine [illegible] W.O.) about new (second) L.R. forecast: using Green Telephone next door. Decided on agreed terms with Tremaine to issue to Gen Bull - copies to Spencer & Allen(?).

Mr. Croll(?) - Act. [illegible] Forecasting Section came to H.H. Learned that the forecasting still has a long way to go.

Arranged with Britton to get authority from A.M. for drawing War Service dress.

G/Capt. Clelland - re memo on Met. Organisation. He said Spencer had not supplied the kind of story he wanted - only extracts from my general memo. Agreed to write a story of agreed by G/Capt. Stafford(?).

Discussed with A.V.M. Oxland use to be made of diagrams showing fitness of bomber airfields. He agreed a composite picture giving average probabilities was what he really wanted. Would discuss again when a few more diagrams produced.

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 29, 1944.

Memo to DDMO
re (1) Conditions in which met' transmissions may be made in clear
(2) Armistice Terms.

Letter to Artillery Section re Field Artillery Liaison M Stebook.
Letter to MO8 re comments on section of above M Stebook.

Copies of 'Neast' skeleton map showing subdivision of areas to (1) Douglas (3) Fleming
(2) Wedewing (4) Spencer.

Acknowledged receipt of new information on Belgium to European Contact Section.

Called to interview Gen Nevins:
(1) no wide distribution of W.R. 'Neast' next week
(2) Starting Monday 13th March supply 4 'Neast'
(a) Gen Bull - for C of S & D C of S
(b) Nevins for Army
(c) Stafford for Air
(d) Manscept for Navy.

[Col. Temann still waiting impatiently for instructions to go home: Sgt Gallant as incompetent as ever.]

Information to Ops AEAF G/Capt Lucas & W/Cdr Corlett on bombing zones in NE France, Belgium & Rhineland.

Wednesday, MARCH 1, 1944.

Very little doing.

Attended conference 9:3. 9.30
{ Security.
WO talking to French.
Move to W.W.
Rankin only the staff study at SHAEF etc.

Col. Temann fretfully awaiting for his instructions to go home.
Sgt Gallant - not doing much.

Thursday, MARCH 2, 1944.

A/Cdr McCloughry asked about grouping of targets in Germany. I said 2 S': (1) Osnabrück–Berlin–Leipzig & (2) Nuremberg–Stuttgart–Munich. Have consulted Spencer B.C. They agreed with this and with the information given 29/2. [?]

ADMO(H) asked for probable increase of medical staff required in TAF etc (including Army) by June 1944. I said 25–50% – mainly out of my head after considering what I had heard of build up, increasing participation of U.S. forces etc. [?]

Gen Bull said he would try to include Sea [illegible] & the distributed to Navy & Air as per 13/3. [?]

– Drafted letter to Spencer & Alexander on this. [?]

Tiemann still fighting awaiting instructions. [?]

– New Sgt Tones arrived. [?]

We move to Widewing over the week end. [?]

Friday, MARCH 3, 1944.

Continuing to have little to do.

Arranging to pack up for transfer to Widewing. [?]

I left Office shortly after 4 pm. (for 34 K.R.) [?]

Saturday, MARCH 4, 1944.

Not at work.
Col. Tremaine supervising transfer of office to W. wing.

Sunday, MARCH 5, 1944.

Monday, MARCH 6, 1944.

Came to office direct from Richmond (by train to Teddington).
Found new office cold, noisy & generally unacceptable.

Went to U.S. W. Central & had conference with Krick & Douglas (E.L.) by scrambler: both agreed about "continuation of [illegible] staff till at least Thursday; rather meandering talk!

Gen Bull telephoned re Admiralty L.R. [illegible] & seemed pleased. Said (1) Admiralty ~~[illegible]~~ not ready to come in as [illegible] & (2) Scrambler facilities different. Gen Bull said:
(1) Let him know if scrambler facilities continue difficult to get.
(2) Meet him at 10 a.m. tomorrow to see Col. Yates' office.

Discussed with Col. Yates
(1) Arrangements for distributing 'basic met' information to British & U.S. met. units overseas.
(2) Mode of functioning of Col. Yates as Deputy ~~[illegible]~~ C. Met. O.

Sgt Gallant left to start duty with Col. Spencer AEAF.
Col. Tremaine left on return to U.S.
Today really start of a new regime with uncertainty about final accommodation, assistance from Yates & Sergt.
Still not much use being made of the Section.

Tuesday, MARCH 7, 1944.

1. Discussed with Col. Jones (US) allocation of my accommodation in main HQ block. He said that it was practically decided I should have room next War Room. The room would not be available for about a week.

2. Tel. Conference with Douglas, Petterson & Kirk re [illegible] Plan.

3. Got Stagg [illegible] May June [illegible] for 1931-40 from USSTAF & stated [illegible] conditions in May & June.

4. Working in nasty stove heated office outside main block. First day alone except for new sergeant.
Room is dirty, noisy (no ceiling & clatter of typewriters come over from other rooms, also can hear everyone speaking!

Williams (PA to DMO) told me Gen Bedell Smith had written DMO about mobilisation.

Wednesday, MARCH 8, 1944.

1. Spoke Cdr Fleming about amendts to [illegible] & [illegible] for next Monday's [illegible] up.
He will come here to discuss on Friday at 3pm

2. Conference with [illegible] & Kirk: agreed no substantial change from Monday's [illegible];

3. Spoke Col. Jones about room in main HQ. He said it was now quite definite that I shall get one of the rooms leading to War Room.

4. Letter to ACofS about not being included in list of officers with access to War Room: also spoke to Col. Jones about it.

5. Letter to Adjutant Gen. about not having been allotted identification symbols in Staff [illegible] 18.

6. Meeting with Cols Yates & Spencer re met section for AEAF: Spencer to find out more about its functions in [illegible].

7. Letter to [illegible] about [illegible].

Tried by telephone to fix up conference of Staff weather officers for tomorrow pm.

Went over all climatology and studies to make fairly complete statement ready for distribution ~~[illegible]~~ at meeting tomorrow.

Fixed conference for 3pm tomorrow. D's Yates, Spencer, Moorman, Cdr Fleming & Steer. All except Farquharson.

Made agenda for meeting.

Arranged scrambler facilities in my room in USSTAF with Yates.

and fixed up for furniture to be provided in that room.

A busy day - working alone with Sgt Jones, going back & forward to Yates office.

Long discussion with Fleming by phone about L.R forecasts: discussion rather abstruse but final agreement on basis that I ask Gen Bull not to distribute forecast to Air or Navy.

Fixed up details for Aftn Conference.

Made agenda, arranged room, etc.

Full Conference 3pm - 5:45 - good meeting.

Saturday, MARCH 11, 1944.

Spoke Fleming, arranged that Cdr. ~~Harb~~ Young consult Elā tomorrow (Sunday) aft. ~~aft~~ about Monday's conference.
Spoke Patterson Elā - explained that Admiralty wld be in conference on Monday & that Young would get Elā's preliminary views Sunday 4 p.m.

Capt Hill RCM; AEAF M. folk House - arrange to get radar Head as supplied to Bombers.

D.M.O. come to Victory House Monday 2.45 to see Sutcliffe.

Cdr. Tullis: arranged hook up for Monday morning.

Dictated part draft minutes of yesterday's meeting.

Attended Gen Butler's conference 9.30-10 ~~at to~~ in Ops Room.

Sunday, MARCH 12, 1944.

Monday, MARCH 13, 1944.

Conference W.W., Elā, & Admiralty.
Dealt with 3 people.
Used Scrambler in W.O. Head office.
Went fairly smoothly.

To Victory House for conference D.M.O., Gold, Alsdon, Corless & Sutcliffe.
Functions of TAF, new AEAF & promotion of ~~pers~~ personnel for 83 & 84 Groups.

Long discussion with business 3 - 6.30 then meeting with Gold about armoured trains & cipher in Overlord.

Tuesday, MARCH 14, 1944.

1. Conf. with Ela, WW & Admiralty. Conflict about weather on Fr. day & Saturday. I accepted Ela (backed by Admiralty).

2. Completed minutes of last Friday's meeting of Overlord intelligence chiefs.

3. Edited Spencer's memo on AEAF intel. organisation. Sent it off.

4. Conf. with Col. Macfie (European Contact Section) on information from Belgium etc. Haven't yet open for discussion but Macfie making ~~[illegible]~~ special representations about intel.

5. Instructed by Gold about meeting next Tuesday on transmissions for Field Intel. Informed Jabs & Spencer.

Still in outhouse (Block F) with coke stove etc — not good — but expect to get into main building early next week.

Wednesday, MARCH 15, 1944.

Difficulty with Sycamore Conf. this morning: had to get through to Ad. & Ela separately: fortunately WW had changed his views over night to agree with Ela — so all O.K.

Letter to A.C. of S. (G-3) about Trafficability.

Discussed Security test of arrangements with Major Overmall — Signals ~~[illegible]~~ Division.
Agreed to write letter to Brig. Gen. [illegible]

Consulted ADMI(Ch) about new Security Category intel: only confidential: he will consult DDMO.

Despatched draft minutes of last Friday's "O" meeting.

Letter to Dist about distribution of "Trafficability" paper.

M/Cdr C. Macloughlin phoned about Twilight Illumination at aircraft heights: Expected to come & see him tomorrow.

Thursday, MARCH 16, 1944.

Discussion with Cmdr Fleming about 2237, form time procedure in Conferences. As a result Arranged with W.W. & Ella for conference to be at 9.45.

Letter to Sgt Morani about W.A.K.-up facilities for Conf.

Gen Bull sent for me: discussed my status; I agreed to draft a reply letter ±
He also said that I had submitted no confirmation of last week's conference.
± Gen Bull also said he was perturbed about the double loyalty arrangement; if practicable say something about that in the letter I am to draft.

Wrote WD8 asking for 500 copies form 2237 to be sent to Admiralty.

Discussed with Douglas his views on a Sunday 5pm Conf. He thinks it should be a proper conf. or not have one at all.

Visited M.H. discussed Twilight Illumination with Sqn Ldr MacLaughlin & G/C. Cleave.
No information about TAF Signals.
Discussed Met. Opl mem. with Col. Lash.

Visited A.M. Unit about War Service Dress - Crept on blue are stranded in Khaki.

Friday, MARCH 17, 1944.

Discussed with Fleming, Douglas & Krick in turn the advantages of a Sunday Forecast:
Fleming said that if my chief to accept his main Forecast on Tuesday, he could not need for Sunday Forecast, I assumed.
Douglas & W.W. were both willing to take part in proper Forecast each Sunday.
Agreed that this Sunday's conf. shd be a proper one (Staff Chairman) re: end of it decide (a) on continuation
(b) best time on Sunday to have it.

Col Ravenhill (Logistics Plans) (Movt & Supply) asked latest date when beaches could be maintained. I put the question in climatological form & passed it on to W.W., Petterssen & Fleming.

Col. Jones said that Section would be moved into new quarters in SHAEF next Thursday or Friday.

Submitted draft reply to Gen Bull (thro' Col Jones) about mobilisation for D.T.?.

Letter to Dr Harding Min of Supply about Sky Illumination Expts.

Continue working alone (with Sergt Jones) in 7 block.
Yates not officially appointed.

Saturday, MARCH 18, 1944.

1. Examined current charts in USSTAF Wea. Sec.
2. Discussed procedure Sunday forecasts with Krick & Holzman.
3. Arranged for USSTAF climatology section to provide me each week with a statement of ~~past~~ week's weather for submitting with Sunday forecast.
4. Read many SHAEF papers (nothing important)

5. Considerable time spent getting answer to Col. Ravenhill (Log Plans) question about latest date for maintenance of weather. Answer 1st Oct.

Sunday, MARCH 19, 1944

1st Sunday conference which I attended (There had been a preliminary forecast last Sunday which I did not attend).

Came by bus for 5 pm. Conference.
Douglas, Petterssen, Hanny, Thorpe, & Krick.
(Yates & Holzman listening at my end)

Conference went well — Good agreement — W. NW continuing.
Returned by 6 pm. bus.

Monday, MARCH 20, 1944.

Conference at 09.45 Douglas, Petterssen, Hanny (+ ? adj.), Holzman — Good conference — all agreeing after Adl. agreed to let Anticyclone remain in B of Biscay area.
Forecast & comparison with last week's weather to Gen. Bull by 11.45.

Remainder of day, preparing notes & ideas for tomorrow's conferences at 11 AM. on AEAF met: communication & distribution of information.

Tuesday, MARCH 21, 1944.

All day away from SHAEF.
09.30 AM. Until change blouse of War Service Dress
this conference at Adastral House – on communications
cyphers etc for TAF & Army.
This meeting went on from 11 till 2.15.

Then at 8 p.m. meeting in DDMO's room to discuss larger
question of provision of information for Invasion met forces.
– re examination of teleprinting programme.
US & Naval representatives etc.
meeting went on till 7.45.

Col. Yates to SC SHAEF met conference this morning: Com[s]
not working very well.
Some change in opinion by all 3 weather centres but
Yates decided not to submit" modified Forecast to
Gen Bull;

So Yates must have
been appointed Deputy
Dir. March 17 (see diary) Actually Nothing.
But working as deputy since Teman
left on March 6th

Wednesday, MARCH 22, 1944.

Came to SHAEF without glasses & in small drawer key.
Conf. with Etc, WO & Ad. went fairly well: communication
good (still from WO).
Pressure distribution rather different from that forecast
Sunday & Monday, but winds, sea etc all remaining
quiet so no modification submitted.

Letter to Gen Bull replying to his comments on final
draft of Org[n] Mem.

G/Capt Cleland AEAF: will send down modified mem.
on AEAF met. organisation – for scrutiny before issue.

Col Jones (G-3) said met wld get into new room
on April 1st.

Gen Bull replied to my letter on Trafficability: Officers to be
provided as called for, not regularly.

Thursday, MARCH 23, 1944.

Discussed Trafficability Forecasts with Zobel & Holzman & later with Durst.

Discussed AEAF memo on Met Organization with Absalom & annotated Clelland's copy.

Found from Air Intelligence what Met. [illegible] of forecasts are.

Friday, MARCH 24, 1944.

Not much doing for SHAEF.

Made plan of TAF + Army Organisation (using Mr Read's data) & had it copied in USSTAF.

Studied Mr Durst's (actually Haas's) paper on Properties of Soil & sent comments.

Went to see picture "Tunisian Victory" — the first of these weekly films I had seen.

Tried to tell Kirby to discuss War Room Met — failed.

Saturday, MARCH 25, 1944.

Argued with Col. Kutz. (Ops A) about met. space in War Room & discussed how best to utilise it. Suggestion to Col. Yates.

Letter to AEAF. about met. organisation.

Agreed with W/Cdr Urmston (Air Intell) that same met. information as for G-3 should go for Air.

Letter to D U.S. Met. Service about distribution of U.S. Trafficability report 1944.

Sunday, MARCH 26, 1944.

Conference (L.R. forecast) 5 pm. Ell, WW, & Ad². Came at 4 pm. & returned with 6 pm. bus. Successful & useful.

Monday, MARCH 27, 1944.

Submitted weeks forecast to General after 9.45 conf. with Ell, WW & Ad.

Letter to Dr Brooks asking him for books or papers on L.R. forecasting techniques or principles.

Discussed with Col. Yates how best to utilize met. space in War Room — agreement that Yates' met. section will make draft outlines of maps etc as agreed.

ADMO(1) told me Sutcliffe will go to AEAF tomorrow.

Tuesday, MARCH 28, 1944.

Met. Conf. 0945: Telephone link up bad but
Got successful agreement on modification to yesterday's Forecast.
Submitted modified Forecast to Gen Bull.

Send to ETO (3 copies), USSTAF (3 copies)
Admiralty (3 ") & AEAF (2 copies)
note on procedure in Met. conferences on Forecasts.

Attended meeting at Norfolk House on Vertical Visibility Expts: asked to come up by G/C Gleave.

Then went to Victory House to see Durst & Kirkcaldy on Trafficability. & talk Absalom & [illegible].

Wednesday, MARCH 29, 1944.

Col. Yates took Met. Forecast conference while I attended G-3 conf. in Officers' Auditorium.
(Gens Morgan, West, Bull, & Nevins & McLean)

Discussed with Yates & Moorman, Moorman's memo on Met organisation for IXth Air Force (assault phase).
Shall see the memo in draft after it has come out from IXth Air Force.

Spoke to Brig. Schonland (Prospect 1121) about Expts with Yanks. He agreed to instruct his Deputy (Dr [illegible]) to cooperate with Durst: recall meeting.

Spoke Sutcliffe AEAF and outlined his work.
Agreed to meeting after he has visited Victory House.

Gen Bull informed me that Gen Smith had decided to write DMO to effect that Stagg would be relieved of appt as chief & become civilian adviser to a U.S. Col. as chief.
I asked if I could inform DMO what was likely to happen & was told I could not.
I told Gen Bull this seemed rather unilateral action, presenting DMO with a fait accompli: he said Smith had thought my draft [illegible]: he did not want to bother or pray DMO to change his mind.
This is a blow but Smith's signature not yet given & they may reconsider in view of my remarks. They certainly should find a way of telling DMO what action they intend taking if I am not notified.

Thursday, MARCH 30, 1944.

USSTAF charts in poor state: still drawing 1800 29/3 u/a charts at 9.30. & 0100 partial surface chart not yet complete.
Discussion with Yates on the War Room display charts & his difficulties about getting up charts by 0900 made me tell Yates what I felt about the lag in completing charts.

Approached Map & Survey about 1:80,000 topographical map of N. France.

Informed G/C Gleave AEAF that Sunrise-75 minutes better than Sunrise-90 mins. for Zero for Bullseye.

Further long discussion with Yates on the procedure for War Room display of met items. Who draws which charts should be taken up in best form quickly.

Letter to Ops. G-3 on Sun & moon tables. with Examples.

Still working in F block (Artillery, next door) with Sgt Jones & running back & forward to Col. Yates & G-3 in main block as nec.

Friday, MARCH 31, 1944.

in War Room
Put up by working chart for 0100 and charts indicating how weather for today's Bonnus will be indicated – as well as other charts like Night Illumination, Moon Diagrams.
Also small charts showing Long Range Forecasts.

Asked MO8 & then Mr Hawkins to ~~[illegible]~~ hasten delivery of 2237 to Adm.? & to send 150 of these to me c/o USSTAF.

Sent out amendments to draft minutes of 2nd "O" meteorologists meeting.

Informed by Gen Bull that Gen Smith's letter to DMO would be sent off. "In view of the substance of your last letter I regret to have it nec. to relieve Dr Stagg of his post as Chief Met Officer. ~~& to appoint him~~ In view of the very satisfactory nature of his work I have appointed Dr Stagg as civilian adviser to the C.I. designated Chief. O."
Prepared this DAMO(H) for DMO.

Mr Sutcliffe arrangement to come here this aftn.

Further letter to Ops G-3 on Sun + moon tables enclosing samples of U.S. diagrams for forecaster planes.

Saturday, APRIL 1, 1944.

Gen Bull called me when in at War Room pulling up Maps.
(a) to inform him about conditions in [illegible] for Exercise U.S. 82 Airborne Division tonight.
(b) today the letter ~~sent~~ to DDMO had been sent off.
Col. Yates found out about (a) [illegible] information about to Gen Bull's P.A.
on return to office. 10 am, was handed SHAEF Staff memo No 22 dated 29/3/44 announcing [illegible] of C.Met.O with Stagg as adviser to Chief O.
I wrote out draft statement of whole affair.
I informed Alsdorf who spoke DDMO. (Sir Arthur Street)
DDMO phoned today he had ~~seen~~ spoke P.U.S. who might call me for discussion.
I call P.A. to P.U.S. Mr Simpson (AM 5310) at 3 & was asked to hold on till 3.30 or 3.45.

Sunday, APRIL 2, 1944.

L.R. Head conference: came here at 4pm. & studied W.O. charts. discussed with Holzman & Krick Mild Conference - Successful; change of [illegible]: disturbed weather

Monday, APRIL 3, 1944.

Conf. at 9.45: difficulty about timing after Wednesday: Decided to shunt days together (Thursday to Sat).

Called to Victory House
(1) Discussed [illegible] with MO8
(2) Change of my status at SHAEF with DDMO & ADMO(H).

Tuesday, APRIL 4, 1944.

Conference (W.R. Meeting) at 9.45.
Col. Yates at bi-weekly G-3 conf: I learn that Gen Bull announced Col. Yates as Chief 'O' & introduced him to the meeting: Gen Bull ~~said~~ was apparently indefinite about what it all meant but according to one officer present (Col. Boulton) he spoke very nicely about my work & said that I would continue as hitherto.

Discovered that my spare despatch case & some 'phone directories had been taken out of unlockable drawer: as I was sure no security was involved, simply reported it to the police immediately.

Discussed further the display of maps in W. Room. ~~Col~~ Yates still not keen on isobars while I am not keen on day to day long range picture (Mon. to Saturday): I would prefer typed statement.

Not much change in status felt yet. No developments in Air meeting.

Wednesday, APRIL 5, 1944.

Conf. at 9.45. Still uncertain about weather to Saturday. Pettersen wants rain early Friday: W.W. somewhere later on Friday: ad'd not to Saturday. I decided to leave my general Monday statement unchanged.

Studied M.R.P. No. 80 (weather types).

Discussed further "Balsega" arrangements with S/C Glenn

Thursday, APRIL 6, 1944.

Discussed at length with Ellis, Kreck & Holzman future procedure in O.R. conferences. Shd they be held daily now, & at what time.
It was decided they shd be held daily, at (a) 11 - 11.30 or (b) 5 pm or (c) 2.30 pm.
Holzman asked to consult Ellis & Ad?

(Security Officer (& porkeys))
Enquired whether my despatch case & papers around me. [illegible] Breach of security.
Col. Jones returned the case with several Secret & one Top Secret paper (e.g. Progress Report for a week).
I deny that these other papers were found in the open drawer in which I leave the empty case & the telephone directories. I can offer no explanation how they came to be available for the [illegible].

Went to ADRG Tank [illegible] meeting, Ibstock Place. 2.30.
Brig Schonland in the chair.
Decided (1) to get reports from Tank Schools etc
(2) Mr Sargeant to go on with his expts.
(3) Mr [illegible] to get his done independently.

Friday, APRIL 7, 1944.
(GOOD FRIDAY)

Brig. Schonland telephoned today he had decided to give higher priority to "[illegible]" expts: would put intelligence officer on getting information from Tank schools.
He asked about 6-day [illegible]: can they go to 2nd Army. Said they could now but not until about [illegible].

Details of SHAEF met: conferences discussed with Signals dept: [illegible] the [illegible] etc.

In evening G/C Lucas telephoned to Bur. O.R. asking me to attend meeting at M. House on Monday to discuss Dowsers.

Saturday, APRIL 8, 1944.

- Did not come to office

Sunday, APRIL 9, 1944.
(EASTER SUNDAY)

Came to SHAEF at 2.30: Phoned several people to find out about Trousers & discussed with ACMO(A). Arranged for Sutcliffe to brought back from leave.
Discussed with Yates conflict between AEAF meeting at Norfolk Ho. & G-3 meeting re ~~[illegible]~~ D day briefing.

Conf. with Elsie & Ad & WW: 5pm till 6. Then further discussions with Yates about arrangements for Trousers.

Monday, APRIL 10, 1944.
(EASTER MONDAY)

DD10 phoned to ask for copy of L.R. Mean for Elsie.
He said report had been sent to Gen Smith by D.R on Sunday & that A.C.M. Geddes also put on the job. He expected everything would be put right.
Confirmed with G/C Lucas (Nor. House) that meeting at 3pm today.

Meeting at Norfolk House on Op "Trousers".
1st briefed ACM Leigh Mallory - with Sutcliffe present.
Then meeting with L-Mallory, Montgomery & Ad. Ramsay on weather for Wednesday & next 3 days.
Wed. fair: Thursday poor: Friday good: Sat. bad.
Gen Bull had instructed Yates to come, so Yates, Sutcliffe Stagg as well as Fleming (for Ramsay) present.
Successful 1st operational briefing but not at all sure whether D was not really there by mistake for Sutcliffe.

G-3 conference: Gen Bull. Yates told meeting what happened yesterday: that I had briefed the C in C for Troopers & that Bull's suggestion for a similar weekly briefing every Monday p.m. at 1.30 had more or less been turned down.

Conference at 11.30 (L.R. Forecasts): 1st time Sutcliffe on it.

Later, much discussion with Yates about whether Fcasts should be put out each day with one day added or whether only those Met. Services affected should be informed.

Yates said Bull had told him that DMO has replied to Gen Smith's letter — the upshot is that I am to be mobilised but what effect this may have on my "status" here has not yet been decided.

For the final decision on "Neptune", S.C. will go to Portsmouth; ~~the~~ the SHAEF Met. Officer may go with him.

L.R. Conf. at 11.30 lasted till 12.35. Then wrote out Fcast. Phoned to AEAF.
Copies sent to DMO, ACT, & AEAF.

Wrote up notes on recent Fcast conferences.

Discussed whether typed Fcasts should be put out each day — with Col. Yates.

Thursday, APRIL 13, 1944.

L.R. Conference. 11.30.
Spencer (AEAF) said we'd to give summary at end. I decided to try new format for writing notes.
At present have to prepare for Conf at 1100: conf. at 11.30. This goes on till 1230 or 40, then write out summary, have it typed, small charts made for W. Room.

In Evening Gen Bull discussed with Yates & me, arrangements for meeting at N. House (briefing Cs-in-C) on Monday. He thought SHAEF met. should be represented & he would probably go too.
For final Neptune Yates or I should be at Portsmouth.

Further discussion in W. Room with Yates about lay out. Yates obviously wanted an elaborate business with big lettering etc. I said I would get Sergt Jones to do a first attempt of making pockets for small charts.

Friday, APRIL 14, 1944.

G-3 Conference. I was prepared to give short lecture on L.R. forecasts but Gen Bull did not attend conf. & had asked for the ~~conf.~~ lecture to be deferred till Tuesday.

Gen Bull came into the Met Office and spoke about arrangements for final Neptune Conference. Gens Eisenhower & Montgomery would be at Southwick Pk (Portsmouth) & also Ramsay & his Met Office.
Gen Bull had decided since conf. last night that Yates or I should be at Portsmouth for Gen Eisenhower's advice, the other taking the conference here.
Gen Bull said that if A.M had made up their minds about mobilisation by then I would be C.Met.O again!
Gen Bull would also come to Norfolk House Conf. on Monday p.m. with Yates or me.
D.M.O. phoned to say that VCAS had arranged for the C.Met.O position to be restored (tho' he mentioned nothing about mobilisation!). He would want me at Victory House to discuss my duties.

L.R. Conference 11.30; used new format for notes so could summarise at end of conference.
Discussed Bull's demand for Sun Moon & Tide tables. Agreed to draft letter for Bull, enclosing copy of new Naval Pocket Folder.

Saturday, APRIL 15, 1944.

Gen Bull confirmed that I would be required to appear with [illegible] before S/Comdr & his C in C on Monday at 12.00. The p.m. conference at Norfolk House (2.45) which also still be wanted, he would take me in his car (+ Yates). He also spoke of likelihood of need for Yates & I to be at Portsmouth (Southwick Park) with S.C. before D day.

L.R. Conference 11.30.

Col. Hutton Airborne Division: long explanation of surface illumination at various lunar phases & altitudes.

Sunday, APRIL 16, 1944.

Gen Bull said he wanted statement of combined met req[ts] set out for Gen Eisenhower to have before him tomorrow. & explained what he wanted done at the conference tomorrow.

L.R. Met. Conference at 11.30

Back to office in afternoon to write paper summarising met req[ts] & discussed it with Gen Bull. Reproduction to be made by 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Home by 6 p.m.

Monday, APRIL 17, 1944.

Very Rushed & busy day.

Preparing papers for S.C.'s & C in C conf & also for "O" met. conf. to be held after C in C's conf. at Norfolk House.

L.R. Met. Conf. at 10.30: completed by 11.30: wrote out agreed stat: had it typed ready at S.C.'s meeting room at 12.00.

Taken into S.C.'s meeting at 12.10 with Yates. (+ Spencer, Sutcliffe & Fleming) who had also been summoned himself to the meeting.

Eisenhower, Monty, Ramsay, Leigh Mallory, Tedder, (C of S) Smith Morgan, etc the three. [illegible] details – was quizzed by S.C. & Tedder & Ramsay: finally was instructed to prepare detailed comparison of the actual weather with [illegible] for next Monday & to say when another D day (instead of Thursday) appeared.

C in C conference at Norfolk House cancelled.

Met. Officers meeting held in USSTAF, Yates in chair; meeting from 2 or 2.15 till 6.30 then to Yates's house with Sutcliffe & [illegible] for drinks. Home by 8.45 p.m.

Gen Bull very pleased with the presentation of stat to S.C. – came & congratulated me both immediately after the meeting & later the same evening after the Met Officers meeting.

Tuesday, APRIL 18, 1944.

G-3 conf: 9.30 prepared to give talk on met. to R Monks but Gen Bull spent time telling meeting of his met briefing at S.C.'s conference yesterday.

L.R. conf. 11.30. 2 Things:
(1) I asked participants to comment on 1st statement: not for each to give his own independent diagnosis
(2) Did they agree to perhaps chairmanship instead of me (raised by Sutcliffe at yesterday's meeting).
Decision to be come to tomorrow.

Fcast confirmed yesterday's advice to S.C. Wed & Thursday both to be bad - ~~rain~~, low cloud wind (force 5).

Pm (1) wrote out minutes of yesterday's met meeting.
(2) Drafted Yates' letter to DDMO re 2nd Alfig channel & Station Index numbers.

I am still Advisor to Yates as C Met O. Gen Bull has said the position would be reviewed when AM decide to mobilize me.

Long discussion with Col Peirce & Yates on "Lessons for Fouces", what went wrong in not advising Air CinC on fog in bomber bases. Help Yates draft memo to Bull on how to avoid in future.

T/P lines to O area: discussion with Air Signals formation: about G/C Watson's discussion at AEAF & phoned these facts to Sutcliffe (1) G/c Potts TAF said no met needed at TAF HQ (2) 9th AF wanted only 2 lines.
Apparently G/C Watson (for A/Cdr Hurst) inclined to agree to one duplex channel (both ways channel) for met.

Wednesday, APRIL 19, 1944.

Lt/Col Hall A Form "Signals confirmed that 1 duplex channel for met had been agreed in AEAF & was now up to Joint Signals Board.

Gen Bull asked where Fcast was going wrong. (It was a bright day - our Fcast had been for 0 skies). I said it was bad in Air would be bad tonight.

Discussion with Krick about maps for Fcast areas. Agreed to accept modifications in SHAEF map to fit (1) Admiralty & (2) Retired maps. Krick will get Moorman to accept Fremer notions.

Letter to AEAF (Ileane) saying Sutcliffe now responsible for AEAF met requirements & hence "Balsey".

Yates signed letter to DDMO about Alfig & Index-Numbers.

My View was that ~~Bull~~ SHAEF should give the general long range picture, allowing the C in C. to decide whether headway was an appropriate day or whether better to defer till Friday. Air CinC should then have consulted his met man about the details once Wed. was fixed.

Yates took view that whole thing arose from lack of coordination in Opl. planning: Should be one officer who can cancel. Air naval met advise SHAEF when any factors arise which need revision. These are communicated to S.C (if applicable) by SHAEF. In other words G-3 should assume role of S.C. in exercises.

Thursday, APRIL 20, 1944.

A.C.M. Ledder came into Office & discussed Fcasting generally. Fcasts for Airborne Exercise in particular (tomorrow). L.R. Fcast. Conf. at 11.30

Called up to DDMO + DDMO + ADMS(H) meeting at Victory House. Informed I had been mentioned on 18th meeting mainly about (1) Reports from 2 Special Allantic Chiefs (2) my relations with Sutcliffe etc.
Later, meeting with DDMO about his visit to SHAEF to attend meeting on conference (L.R.F) procedure.

Friday, APRIL 21, 1944.

~~A.C.M.~~. Cmd^r Fleming created a rumpus because I had asked his Swell "section" for S+S. Fcast yesterday. Admittedly his section didn't provide: they put me on to Swell Section: I asked Code to provide & to be good enough to remind the Fcaster on the ~~Hq~~ Conf. that I would need one each day - in case I forgot: Fleming said I had no right to order his men about, that I was the most tactless man he had met etc. It is for consideration whether speaking as he must have done, before all his juniors, he was not (in service conduct) far more tactless.

Prepared agenda for Tuesday's meeting on "Procedure in L.R. Fcast. Confs." & wrote notes outlining the procedure.

Long discussion by phone with DDMO about the Officer Who'll be sent here to assist me.
? Tyler or Bannon or Robinson? I think DDMO ~~has~~ will recommend Robinson: also the best WAAF Corporal he can find.
Obviously DMO is impressed with the importance of trying to give me the best possible assistance.

Discussed introduction of Facsimile process with Tallis: requires private lines & Daily room + 2 operators: will be handed at Tuesday's conference

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G.3 conf. 9.30: gave talk (with 2 large charts) on the procedure behind the L.R. f/casts.

Saturday, APRIL 22, 1944.

Gen Gale: forecast for South England tomorrow: very good weather.
Preparing notes for Tuesday's meeting on Procedure in L.R.F conferences: discussed with Yates & finally got them cyclostyled.
L.R. Conf. at 11.30

Stayed at Office (no lunch) till about 4.

Sunday, APRIL 23, 1944.

L.R.F. Conf. at 11.30.
~~Sent out Agenda & Procedure notes for~~ (stet)
Sent out Agenda & Procedure notes for Tuesday's meeting with f/casts.
Analysed last weeks charts to prepare statement for S.C. on comparison of last weeks f/cast with actual weather.
Yates said he wd be Chairman at Tuesday L.R.F. Conf. meeting: no intimation yet of change of status.

Got away from SHAEF about 2.30 pm. (Lunch at home)

Monday, APRIL 24, 1944.

L.R. Conf at 9.30 to be ready for S.C's meeting.
F/cast prepared and statement about additional Dummy D-days ready by 11.30.
Yates & I into S.C's meeting: very big assembly. Gave brief presentation on last week's f/cast & f/cast for the week. Feeling left with me is that the interview wasn't very satisfactory: too brief: not enough time to elaborate. Tasky had turned up at the last minute hoping to get interview with Monty & he kept talking. I omitted to say that we would have made same f/cast 3 days late & (2) that the improvement set in at weekend as f/cast last week. Moral: take more time & marshall salient features clearly beforehand.
(Took Yates to lunch)
DMO phoned about sending comparison statement to S of S. Explained what kind of statement is now made for S.C. & wrote letter enclosing copy to P.S. to S of S.
DMO said S of S. very much interested in the L. Range forecasts & DMO obviously regards it as very important that the best possible should be done to make them sound. He offered no comments on their form or content.

Tuesday, APRIL 25, 1944.

L.R.F Conf. 11.30.

DDMO came at pm. took him to lunch.
Meeting at 3pm in General's Conf room in "A" block on
L.R.C. procedure; reps from Ctd. Adm? W.O. etc.
Lasted till 7 pm
Decided that confs shd be held at 9am at 9.30 am each day: Otherwise no substantial change in procedure.
The meeting was rather odd in that it was intended to modify the procedure of the L.R. conferences etc, but all present simply said how well the confs. were being conducted.
eg Sutcliffe: "Have been on Bomber Comd. confs. for 3 years: we took 1 hour 15 mins for every conf: on this L.R. conf. we do 5 days in an average of 48 mins"
Also Fleming + Krick: all said it was going very well.
[Reference row with Fleming last Friday: he seemed entirely happy now & friendly.]

Wednesday, APRIL 26, 1944.

DDMO wanted me to get Gen Bull to submit to DDMO request for S/Ldr & Capt met.

2 Wrote letter asking for S/Ldr (met) & WAAF (Capt) for Gen Bull's signature. Gen Bull away at Exercise: got Col. Jones's approval to send copy of unsigned letter: Jones thought Bull will sign:
Forwarded copy + covering note to DDMO

List of met Sections to get SHAEF Fcast phoned to DDMO.

Prof Blackett wants material from which to get weather probabilities for "Overlord".

SHAEF Fcast to be called "Plafor" when issued Friday

Thursday, APRIL 27, 1944.

Sorted out Douglas's Q roll day material & sent to Blackett by special D.R. (11.00).

L.R. Fcast: Conf. 11.30.

SHAEF Signals about Scramblers in Met Office & they will be in by tomorrow.

Rearranged met. items in War Room & prepared script to be printed by USSTAF for Q day spells.

Gen Bull, Eisenhower, Tedder & many others away at Exercise: brilliantly fine weather while was Fcast with conference on Monday at SCs meeting: this shd enhance our stock.

Still Official Adviser to Chief.O. (Cl. Yates) & working alone with Sgt Jones.
Chance of getting Robinson (Eta - as F/Ldr) shortly + WAAF Cpl.

Friday, APRIL 28, 1944. Private wire

At Last: Scrambler telephones!: (one P.W. for conference) installed on arrival & men came to fit in the ordinary scrambler soon after I arrived.
Later discovered that scramblers won't function!

L.R. Conf. 11.30: High pressure S.W. Ireland still dominant.

Prepared Fcast for T/printing to Eta by 12.45 but discovered later that it hadn't been cleared from W.O. till 14.03.
Discussed with Yates & Belham & arranged remedy in future.

Discussion with Krick about delineation of Fcast areas.
Should have been with Yates, but Yates handed job over to Krick (Yates can do that as Chief.O !). Agreed to accept Norman's Continental areas though I'm not really satisfied with them.

No word about reversion to Status Quo (me as Chief.O) &/or of posting of Officer + WAAF.

All meals (except tea) in British Mess as from today.

Saturday, APRIL 29, 1944.

Very sticky Conf. on L.R. Fcasting: Fleming 1st time on Portsmouth End, by 5 different people: took 70-75 minutes, me repeating almost everything said: very tiring but compensated by Fleming Butcliffe.

DDMO phoned to say (a) Robinson will come next week
(b) Sergt (Conf) there about Wednesday.
(c) Fcast copies to DMO staff on Monday.
(d) Platform table [illegible] when Sergt. comes.
(C.O. 0115 + 30 pad).

At SHAEF till 4.10.

Sunday, APRIL 30, 1944.

Came to Shaef with 9.15 am bus: Confce at 11.30 which went on till 1305: Very sticky about small matters.
Gen Bull informed Yates that Stagg is now Chief again.

Monday, MAY 1, 1944.

Left home at 6.30 to catch car sent to Richmond Station at 06.45. Found workmen still working in my office at telephones but nothing would work. Went to Widewing: found how lines had all been upset: came back to SHAEF, still useless so back to Widewing for watership arrangement. Finally got conf. at 07.45: it went on till 9.
Important thing is decision for Fabius, a cover plan operation due to start on Wednesday morning.
S.C.s meeting: first real occasion of question & answer, questions by S.C. by Ramsay, L-Mallory, Tedder & Cunningham.
A satisfactory meeting though the prospects for Wednesday are not as favourable as they could be.

(School of Tank Technology)
Late meeting with Durst & Col. Skinner re Trafficability in Yates' room: question of establishing a small Trafficability section at 21 A/G HQ with meteorologist, geologist & tank vehicle specialists.

Trials of telephone hook up by Private wires: not fully satisfactory: very much waste of time.
Dinner in British mess in Camp.
Conf. (L.R. Fcast) at 9pm: went on till 10.15. Then talk with Gen Bull on prospects for Fabius Cover Plan. (not now so good).
Decided to have further conf. tomorrow 6.30 am & report to Gen Bull at 7.30 am.

Home by car at 10.55 pm after being away from 6.30 am

Tuesday, MAY 2, 1944.

Private car from 34 K.R. to Bushy at 05.45 am. Conf. at 6.30 am. using new Private wel: wire telephone scrambler hook up. Decision against Fabius: (high wind & cloud tomorrow am). Conveys to Gen. Bull & Gen Bull & Adl Ramsay at Portsmouth: decided to defer till Thursday morning.

Bfast in mess then odd jobs till lunch time.

F.3 conf. at 09.30

SHAEF memo, No 44 notified Lt Col Dam Chief again with Yllis as ~~advisor~~ Deputy.

Conf. 9 pm

Came back for dinner 7.15 pm bus then to W.W. to see charts then for Conf.

Home by private car 10.45.

WAAF Capt. Foster arrived in Camp: to report tomorrow.

Wednesday, MAY 3, 1944.

Conf. 0630 (Left home in car sent for me at 0645)

Advised Gen Bull at 0730 that conditions wld be suitable tomorrow for Fabius, but just so.

0800 "Fabius on".

Capt Foster started work; appears efficient.

Went home for tea 4.30 or 5 pm back by 7.15 bus.

Conf. 0900 pm. – went on till 10.15: wrote out Fcast. Handed over to Sgt. Jones for typing etc.

Home at 11 pm

Thursday, MAY 4, 1944.

No morning conference.

Forenoon arranging for RAFOR (SHAEF forecast) to be encyphered: new words to be added to CD 115, sea swell code etc. (with Adm[l] & Fleming).

"Fabius" on today: many questions about conditions in Channel etc.

Home for 5 till 7. Then back for evening meal.

Evening forecast Conf. 9pm till 10.30 pm. Home by 11pm.

Friday, MAY 5, 1944.

G-3 conf.

Gen Bull wants more statistics about D day etc. statement of min. requirements.

DDMO spoke about difficulty in getting G.L. III sets across with RAF Units: can I do anything at SHAEF? apparently RAF won't handle & Army have said the sets were handed over to RAF.

Understand "Fabius" Exercise went very well: confirmed by A/Cdr Strafford. & also mentioned in G-3 conference.

Saturday, MAY 6, 1944.

Robinson reported: got passes etc.

Conf at 9 pm.

DMO spoke about Belgian Intell Service when Belgium reoccupied.
Sent paper on Rankin to DMO.
Sambo to go to DAFL meeting with DMO Tuesday.

Throat bad all day: difficulty in speaking

Sunday, MAY 7, 1944.

Came in for brfast 0930 & remained till 2 pm with Robinson.
Retd to conf. at 9 pm.

Saw Gen Bull about information for SCs meeting
- statements on D day etc.

Throat still bad: hard to speak.

Monday, MAY 8, 1944.

S. Cmdrs conference: brief meeting but very full house.
(apparently some big matters on hand)

Contacted Col Stephenson G-5 re Belgian Intell Service & liason with Intelligence Intell Services generally.

Provided Gen Bull with papers for SCs meeting
(1) modified statement of requirements for D day
(2) frequency of getting these requirements
(3) last weeks weather comparison
(4) forecast for this week.

Robinson getting to know his way about - but difficulty with passes etc.

Went home 430 till 7 pm.

Throat continues bad: hard to speak.

Tuesday, MAY 9, 1944.

G-3 conference 9.30

Meeting at Victory House.
DDMO: (1) on Encyphering PLAFOR.
(2) List of synoptic stations in NW Europe.
(3) Leakages at Gib.
DMO (1) Meeting on Belgian met unit DAFL
(2) Relation of SHAEF met to AEAF etc.

Discuss Special met telephone comp with Navy & Air.

Ref above meeting: started with DDMO at 11.45 on encyphering PLAFOR: left it that DDMO would report my views to DMO who will have to provide staff. (also told DDMO about Bayliss' leakages)
Then to DAFL with DMO. 230 till 430
Then DDMO on DMO order re Chief O SHAEF & AEAF posts. Argued till 7.30 and was still undecided.
DDMO gave me list of key synoptic stations in France & Low Countries.
Also announced that he proposes to consult C of Staff about letting all met reports & forecasts for area south of Wash-Bristol part in clear & also be available to BBC.

Formerly 8.30 pm.
Yates took Conference: 1st time given he did that while Kruss at previous many meetings.

Wednesday, MAY 10, 1944.

Writing out new version of draft order on Chief O SHAEF and AEAF posts. (Sequel to yesterday's visit to Victory House).
Robinson analysing PLAFOR forecasts.

Long discussion with Yates about Organisation in the field. Is it really desirable that the Chief O of the Met Field Service.
I redrafted DMO's ~~[illegible]~~ MO Order on Met. Field Organisation, suggesting that the Brit. Chief O AEAF & sent it to ADMO(H) for DDMO.

S/L Robinson started analysing past forecasts. 1st the analysis of Monday forecasts to see how quickly on 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc days we went wrong.

Took Evening met Conf. ~~9.30~~ 9 pm.

Thursday, MAY 11, 1944.

Submitted to Gen Bull for C of S. letter to be sent to Air C in C asking him to prepare plans for establishment of met. services in freed territory.

Had long discussion with Yates about it: I feel we shd make the broad policy plan ourselves & said I would do it in any event: My contention is that a matter like this shd be handled by SHAEF; the details being filled in by the IX AF & 2TAF etc.

This raised whole question of my confidence in Moorman (& Jones).

Spoke to [illegible] about f/cast codes for field transmission. Sent him copy of CTFO.

Yates took Evening conf. Went home after supper 7.45 pm.

Friday, MAY 12, 1944.

Sent out minutes of third O meeting (of 17th April)
+ minutes of "PLAFOR" message meeting
+ agenda for 4th meeting of "O" people on Tuesday.

Wrote notes on Re-establishment of met. Services in freed Countries.

Studied PREMET & CTFO (corresponding IX AF code): neither really good. Better to have family of codes with the same basic notions. Yates agreed that we shd discuss this at next "O" meeting on Tuesday 16/5.

Attended G-3 conf: nothing of real interest.

Off for 1½ hours - with Betty & Pete along river: back at 6.40. & took Evening Conf at 9 pm. Home by 11pm.

Saturday, MAY 13, 1944.

USSTAF Met Conf.
Left office at 1.30 for the day.

Sunday, MAY 14, 1944.

Here in forenoon: not much to be done: all home aft^n. Back for supper and L.R. conference at 7.30pm.

Monday, MAY 15, 1944.

Many small things

No S.C. conference: all the heavyweights away at 21 Army Group HQ
Getting papers ready for 'O' meeting tomorrow.
Modified forecast areas for SLAFOR.
Document about the establishment of met services abroad etc.

Talks to the L.R. Conference

Tuesday, MAY 16, 1944.

G-3 conf. 0900.

Preparing for "O" meteorol meeting.

"O" meeting 2.30 he full turn out:
Moorman instructive on areas for forecasts.
Meeting lasted till 6.30 then Sutcliffe, Fagg & Spence to dinner & drinks.

LR. conf. 9 pm. Meeting 11 pm. in "Jeep".

Sutcliffe told me about the position re. Spence at AEAF. Obviously Sutcliffe is unhappy: Spence is regarded as the C.Met.O. both from view pt of administration and forecasting.
Spence signs all letters & is always in the War Room.

Wednesday, MAY 17, 1944.

W/Cdr Spence AEAF Future Plans has consulted about restoration of Met Services abroad. Explained what has been done & promised to get AEAF help to hasten the provisional plan.

Spoke Sutcliffe about above & also about his position at AEAF vis-a-vis Spence. Informed Abs. clom about this suggested they should get Sutcliffe up to explain his own case.

Writing out minutes of yesterday's meeting.

Thursday, MAY 18, 1944.

SHAEF all day.
nothing of importance

Considered means of demonstrating "present weather" throughout the day in War Room during assault stages of Overlord.
Use 2237 (form) with Plexiglass overlay.

Went home for 2 hours in aft^n. Came back at 7pm. for L.R. conference.

Friday, MAY 19, 1944.

Discussion Yates + T.M.S. — W/Cdr Spence AEAF. on Met. Arrangements for Germany after armistice.
Submitted para. on Met Branch for AEAF Liason 1 S/capt + 5/Ldr. + statement of duties.
Sent copy to AEAF + ADMO(H).

To Victory House for Houghton House: Lectures on Traffic[illegible] by Durst: Kirkcaldy + Hare.

Came back to 34 K.R. 6.30pm.

Col Yates took L.R. Conf.

Saturday, MAY 20, 1944.

At SHAEF 8 am till 4 pm then again in evening for L.R. Conference.

Tried Brig. Col. Skinner (Tank School) about his paper on trafficability section: away.

Gen Bull agreed terms of DMO.'s draft HQ order as ChoDo's SHAEF & AEAF.

I took L.R. Conference 9 pm.

Sunday, MAY 21, 1944.

SHAEF 0800 till 4 pm. then off altogether.

In forenoon considered issue of Sun Moon tables to Services & finally decided to get Statistics to compute. Sergts. Mills & Jones put on the job. Series of latitudes & for June to August.

Col Yates took L.R. conf.

Monday, MAY 22, 1944.

Col. Yates took early L.R. conf. at 0800.
First supplementary PLAFOR message ~~sent~~ telephoned to Eta at 0850.

Discussed means of exhibiting present weather in War Room with Col. Yates: decided to use Plexiglass as already planned.

SC's meeting: Ad Stark among visitors (Chief U.S. Navy)
had questions about setting in of SW'ly type of weather in latter half of week: on the whole satisfactory (10 mins)

Working on Sun Moon tables June to August for distribution to Services.

General Bull informed me of the meetings at Portsmouth next week & instructed me to arrange to be there.
(a) Monday 29th (b) then from Thursday evening onwards.
– the real thing is now drawing very close.
1st Forecast for D day wanted on Sunday morning, 28th May for SC.
Informed Yates: he will work to go to Portsmouth too

Away for 1½ hours in aft^n.
Back at 7.30 for supper & evening L.R. conference.

Tuesday, MAY 23, 1944.

G-3 conf. 9 am.
Not much said.

Forenoon filling up documents about travelling expenses in N. Africa & Italy in Dec 1943 for Air Ministry Unit.

Also forms about allowances etc for 2 periods of my [illegible] etc.
Then took all the documents to Air Ministry Unit: by bus to St James's Sq.
Back to Widewing for supper & home by 8.30 pm.

Representatives of the M.I.5 (informed with G/C Houston) on what we may be able to do in advance about conditions on D-day!

Dr Robinson who came as Ph- now S/Ldr is settling down well. - has checked all June-August Sun & Moon Tables & is quick of picking up the threads.

Wednesday, MAY 24, 1944.

Met. 8.15 to hear end of morning conference taken by Yates.

Then working on Sun Moon Tables for June to August.

Also transmitted modified PREMET code to D. U.S. weather Services for overseas commands.

Afn. Letter to Bomber Cmd & 8th AF about AEAF's tables of Sun moon data for 1-15 June.

Col. Spence spoke about difficulty of using met. station numbers in reports to U.K.

Asked Col. Jones to arrange for passes & transport to Portsmouth for Yates & myself - for Sunday & then Thursday.

DMO spoke about visit of Mr Lewis Hyde (ORS) & issue of Anaprop with SLAFOR: consult Robinson & James (Lt.) & tell DMO what comes out.
Robinson says "Can do" 3 forms of message. (1) Normal (2) Abnormal (3) Don't know.

Stoke 2L Conf. at 9 pm. home in Jeep at 10.45 pm.

Thursday, MAY 25, 1944.

Conf. with Fleming, Sutcliffe. Yates, Spencer by telephone on procedure in U.K. Conference.

(1) decided that each Central be asked to give its day 1 [illegible] weather + confidence before conference starts.

(a) WW HH-[illegible], 15 m. Elm HH-10 Ad HH-5.

(2) Decide that Pettersen + Douglas be [illegible]

(3) Confidence "High" to be very restricted.

Phoned DDMO about (2): he agreed with consult DMO.

Spoke Brig. Belchem 21 A.G. main (S.K.) about Skinner's Trafficability. He has passed the matter to SHAEF, on ground that the scheme shd be handled at higher level.

Meeting Yates Spencer Robinson Blazy re Index numbers. Decided
(1) that Station numbers be used for places irrespective of the section
(2) that mobile stations send reports using lll lll only, not index or unit number.

Radar SHAEF. Spoke DMO: Robinson + Jones (Elm) can handle. Robinson tried to find appropriate section at SHAEF (Sullivan) but no one will own up to knowing about it.

Sent off 1-15 June sun moon data (AEAF) to Yates + Bundy Cent. - takes read Secret but spoke Spencer about making Top Secret on arrival. He will pass to Navigation people.

Friday, MAY 26, 1944.

1. Completed Section on SHAEF Sun Moon data + forwarded file to Ops + Plans A. G-3 with suggested distribution list.

2. Wrote draft letter to AEAF, 2nd TAF + IXth AF about Station and mobile Station numbers.

3 Much telephoning with Sutcliffe, Bird + Douglas about Sutcliffe's control over field formation + ADGB.
Apparently HQ expects Sutcliffe taking over 2nd TAF + 38 + 83 but not ADGB: anyway he shd have waited till DMO's view was [illegible] been put out.

4. Spoke Col. Mount SK.33 re Trafficability: the material has been sent to Gen. Morris.

5. Argument re Transport Accommodation, Passes to Portsmouth.

Saturday, MAY 27, 1944.

Attended W.O. held Conference, then discussed letter [illegible] with Robinson & Yates & came back home.

Remainder of day after 10.15 am off.

Col. Yates took Evening Conf.

Sunday, MAY 28, 1944.
(WHIT SUNDAY)

Advised Gen Bull for S.C. on probable conditions Monday 5th June.

Travel to Portsmouth for Monday morn conference in Admiral Ramsay's room at 10 am.

Met at 8.15 am. Saw Gen Bull & said: "Evidence favourable"

Organised modification of Conf. procedure with [illegible], Henny, Petterssen etc. Agreed to stop all details from centres before conference & substitute preliminary talk on developt. at 5.30 pm.
(Told Petterssen of my intention of [illegible])

Monday, MAY 29, 1944.
(WHIT MONDAY)

Conf. in Admiral Ramsay's room Portsmouth at 10 am.

Sunday & Monday 28–29/May.
Travelled by car to Portsmouth after lunch Sunday: arrived 4 pm. Tea then conference (preliminary – on developt) at 5.30 pm. appeared to go satisfactorily.
Drinks, Supper with Henny: then short stroll with Yates: Conference ([illegible]) at 9.30 pm. In spite of preliminary conf. at 5.30–6.30 this was a bad one – continued till 10.40. Krick quiet throughout. Petterssen [illegible] Monday – Tuesday – [illegible] Friday: Adm. ([illegible]) [illegible] here & there: awful argumentation.
Finally to bed in tent in wood by 11.30 or so. Air Raid at midnt. much gunfire but slept well afterwards. awake 6.30 & away to conf. at 7.15. Conference 8 am till 8.45 – still undecided except that on whole conditions looked fairly favourable though with risk of deterioration (temp? [illegible]) on Friday & Sat.
1000 Conf. Tedder (vice S.C.) Ramsay, L.M. & all Chiefs of Staff: considerable quizzing about conditions next week end but could only give risk of temp? deterioration espec? in reg. to cloud Fri.–Saturday – otherwise favourable.
Came back to W.W. with Yates: lunch in office [illegible].

Aft. Conf. on developt with centres at 17.30: notwithstanding agreement now that no serious risk of break down at weekend: a very great relief.

Supper in camp. Home by 2030

Tuesday, MAY 30, 1944.

(1) Saw Gen Bull 0845: he confirmed arrangements for conference late this week & I arranged for transport to Portsmouth.
Also said that risk of week end break down is now less than expressed yesterday.
(2) G-3 Conf. little or nothing said: waste of time.

Very hot - with SHAEF officer - rather sleepy. - not much done.
Went out in the afternoon & slept for ½ hour in Bushy & back for Preliminary Evening Conf. at 1730: completed at 1830.

Evening Conf. at 2100 took till 11pm: rather a serious break is suggested in weather at week end.
Yesterday morning things looked very favourable: this evening they may be rather bad. High pressure ridging up over Ireland & so forcing low pressures down to France. If the High doesn't clear out soon, I'm afraid it will be a sticky business at the week end.

Wednesday, MAY 31, 1944.

Up at 7am. for conference at 0745;
Saw Gen Bull after Conf & told him things didn't now look so favourable.
Forenoon - reading MRC & Adm[l] reports on positions of High pressure systems etc.
Discussion with Sutcliffe on mobile Station numbers: decided that little can be done now. Issued instructions about destruction of Met: Data & Charts to Sutcliffe & Yates.

Discussion with Yates about number of times a central should open the L.R. Conference: I said 3 sessions; he said 2 days. Decided to consult centrals on next conference.

Conf. at 1730 to discuss Synoptic development: clear that the whole situation has become confused and uncertain - probably into a SW.-W'ly type, so that cloud can't be forecast longer than 12 hours ahead.

Yates took Evening conf. at 2100. He reported that it was a most sticky and difficult one - all centrals had different views about development over week end - over next 2 or 3 days.

Main diary for June 1st to 6th on separate sheets of foolscap.

Thursday, JUNE 1, 1944.

Conf. 0730: Still very uncertain about Sat–to Mon.–whether ridge will follow the present fronts or merely a succession of fronts.

Then Bull 0845: Said quiet wind conditions fairly well assured but cloud very uncertain

Travelled to Portsmouth for Evening meeting of Cs in C. 9.30 pm.

~~[illegible]~~ Aft. conf. at 1730: fairly optimistic for favourable conditions on Monday morning but Eltie gloomy.

At later conf. (2100). Pett. & Douglas present a gloomy picture: W.W. favourable & Ad. ½ way.

Things don't look too good for the Supreme Cmdr's meeting tomorrow morning.

Slept in tent in a wood near Southwick Hall. ANCXF & 21 Army Grp HQ are in & around Southwick Hall: SHAEF Cmd post is in a new [illegible] wood with lanes & tents scattered out inside it.

Friday, JUNE 2, 1944.

See separate notes for details.

At Portsmouth: tel. Conf. 0730. Eltie gloomy: Widewing still optimistic

Conf. before S.C. & Cs in C at 1000: Said prospects not good for cloud but not unfavourable for ~~wind~~ wind.

Walk in Southwick Park in afternoon. Back to Fleming's office in time for afternoon conf. at 5 pm.

1700. Pett & Douglas more gloomy.

2000 Another forecast conf. with centrals: much as before. Eltie gloomy. WW optimistic: Ad. midway between.

2130 SC's conference: Said prospects still poor especially about cloud.

Went back at 11 pm. to Adv. SHAEF camp in nearby wood: Slept intermittently till 5 am: then to Southwick Hall in Jeep to conf. at 6 am. Eltie (see next page).

The strain of this business is immense: Yates is obviously badly worried that Holzman & Krick are taking such a different line from Petterssen & Douglas. All this reads on me. I think Robinson also favours Widewing (U.S.) & also Sutcliffe. It's going to be a hard business to give confident advice.

See foolscap notes for details.

Portsmouth. Saturday, JUNE 3, 1944.

A day of extreme strain: the weather situation got worse: two depressions below 980 mb. at once in June. Who could have credited it: Eta & W.W. are taking opposite views & one of the main ships reports have gone crazy. (jumps of 20 mb into most important Atlantic position) To make matters worse Robinson sides with W.W. & Sutcliffe is non committal.

At the 9.30 pm. conf. before the S.C. Monty, Ramsay, Tedder, Smith etc. the invasion was tentatively called off after much cross questioning. But Yates is still unconvinced so is W.W.

SC.

Ad Creasy said he had told the Conf. yesterday after he had returned that there was 6'3" of Stagg & 6'2" of gloom.

Did not go to bed: wrote up notes from midn till 2.30 then got ready for 0300 conf. (met)

Sunday, JUNE 4, 1944.

At 0415 conf. this morning, assault for tomorrow definitely cancelled.

During today it began to appear that there might be a temp.y fair interlude Monday night: should we advise to make use of it. The alternative is Wed-Thurs night or alternatively a fortnight later.

I am now getting rather stunned - it's all a nightmare.

At this evening's conf. I was hard pressed by the SC & his Cmdrs about +

After the Evening Conf. 9.30 - till 11pm Gen Eisenhower / Monty promised Yates & me a bottle of whisky if our Plan came off.

Assault provisionally put on again for 6.30 Tuesday morning, but has to be confirmed tomorrow morning.

+ likely conditions later in the week. I said I could say little about that: things were too disturbed: if I ventured anything I would be guessing not forecasting.

Monday, JUNE 5, 1944.

After 1 hours rest: Met conf at 0300: Our interval confirmed & Invasion put on "Final & Irrevocable Decision". Whatever the outcome, the decision is taken.

ACM Tedder (probably having an inkling about the difficulties) said "You have handled the whole business in a most masterly way Stagg".

Ad. Creasy said "You should be proud of yourself & your forecast" - Humour! He should wait till he sees how things go.

C of Staff (Gen Bedell Smith) "Go take a weeks rest now".

Tuesday, JUNE 6, 1944.

Returned from Portsmouth by Command Car (open overgrown jeep). Arrived WPO (SHAEF) about 1300.
Lunch & home by 1430.
On Tuesday aftn afternoon sky clouded became 10/10 with mod[illegible] wind. Caused me considerable worry at home - but really too tired to be much concerned.

Wednesday, JUNE 7, 1944.

To SHAEF main at 0815:
Still blowing force 4-5 & mainly o'cast:

Discussed with ADM(Met) (telephone) the forecast ~~[illegible]~~ issued by 2nd TAF which Gen de Guingand had asked me to account for on Monday aftn at Portsmouth.
Spoke Fergusson & Sutcliffe.
Took Robinson to 2nd TAF by car & discussed with Sutcliffe & Fergusson. (1) 2nd TAF met section
(2) Sutcliffe status, now that AEAF letter has come out appointing Spencer Chief MO Advanced AEAF,

Back to SHAEF just in time to take 1730 conf. with [illegible].
At this Conf. decided (1) to eliminate evening (2100 B) confs.
My ~~[illegible]~~ giving details at this aftn.
(2) to reduce future confs. to one each day at 1730,
(3) to restrict nature of SHAEF messages to some detail for first 2 days then broad statement for next 3 days.

Gens. Morgan, Whiteley & Gale came into office at 1900 after conf. concluded. [illegible] good prospect of things now fairly settled with well broken skies & winds ~~[illegible]~~ moderate.

Home after supper at 2030

Thursday, JUNE 8, 1944.

① Prepared statement of weather overnight forecast for basis for assault.
② Went to G-3, Plans & Ops. conf. (heads of section): very little information.
Discussed with Yates the letter from AEAF appointing Spence Chief of AEAF Met. Agreed to send copies to DMO & Comdg Gen USSTAF asking for recommendations.
③ Went to Victory House & discussed with DMO, DDMO, ADM(SH).
(a) Poor Quality of 2nd TAF met section.
(b) Ratcliffe's status at AEAF as now affected by the new Spence appt to Chief AEAF
(c) Hint at dissolution of SHAEF met section.

Agreed that DMO would speak Cunningham (2nd TAF) to get Robinson withdrawn one of the forecasters. I was left to advise which forecaster.

It is now perfectly clear that Ratcliffe has been promoted to occupy a shell of a job: Spence is Chief of all Chief of AEAF: Ratcliffe is not given encouragement from A.M.O. HQ to act as chief met officer British Forces.
Now that I've made clear what the SHAEF met section's future is likely to be, I too come into the market. DMO will have some nasty decisions to make shortly.

Friday, JUNE 9, 1944.

Discussion with Yates about future of SHAEF met section: I said I thought it should be dissolved or reduced leaving a junior British officer here to act as liaison with Yates on British field met organisation. Yates finally agreed.

Prepared memo on future of SHAEF met section; discussed with Yates again before submitting to Gen Bull.

Today was to have been a reasonably good day according to Wednesday's forecast but it has rained overnight & most of today. All the people here from Gen Morgan deputy C of S downwards whom I have met are very depressed – so am I. Air support can't be given on the beachheads when wanted.

Took evening L.R. conf. at 5.30: they all ~~[illegible]~~ seem hopeful of a fair spell after another front tomorrow.

Informed Robinson that he may have to go to 2nd TAF & [illegible] Ahsalon I thought Scott should be left and another forecaster pulled out.

Saturday, JUNE 10, 1944.

DDMO said [illegible] (2nd TAF) had been consulted about which officer should be pulled out of his section to let Robinson in. [illegible] had said Cook.

I am to get [illegible] instead of Robinson.

Dictating my notes on the Proceedings at Portsmouth into typescript form – but very much interrupted.

Mr Sutcliffe came to SHAEF after lunch & told me that SASO AEAF now knew of the anomalous position of Brit. met. units field vis a vis U.S. (2 U.S. Cols against 1 W/Cdr). Wigglesworth had asked SASO 2nd TAF to consider requesting a G/Capt for their section. Groom had said "Does that mean promotion of the officer now here"? Wiggles. had said that's another matter.

I promised to use this information to the best of my ability. Took 5.30 pm. conf. & home at 8.30 pm after dinner in mess.

Sunday, JUNE 11, 1944.

To SHAEF at 9 am.: dictated remainder of notes on proceedings at Portsmouth for typing & arranged all notes & maps made during stay at Portsmouth.

Monday, JUNE 12, 1944.

Statement of weather overnight & forecast for next 24 hours to DCAS & ACAS.

Discussion with Yates about (1) statement for Press [for Washington], and (2) "historical statement for SHAEF"

Decided that I would do (2): Yates (1)

I drafted headings etc for (2)

Letters to DDMO, DDMS and DUSWS with thanks for help [illegible] centres.

Gen. Morgan DCofS came in re [illegible] G/Capt.

Discussed [illegible] with DDMO: he will discuss with DMO the idea that SHAEF [illegible] out.

Discussed with Absalom the information given me by Sutcliffe on Sat. re G/Capt at 2nd TAF.

Absalom will discuss with DMO with a view to DMO speaking to Wigglesworth in relation to the AEAF letter to SHAEF about Spence's [?] appointment.

(1) Writing historical report on met. advice for D day.

(2) Arranged for Charts to be provided to G/Capt. Urmston at 0900 & 1800 for France & Belgium: prior to coordination with 106 Group. These charts will be supplied by W/Wing.

(3) Mr Fearns arrived: Mr Robinson writing a statement of the various views expressed by the centres during the D day met. conferences.

(4) Col Gold agreed that SLAFOR conf. could be stopped: he had discussed with Yates & Garbett (& Douglas). He will authorise by letter.
New conferences to be "exchange of view conferences": AEAF may take part.

(5) At end of 1730 SLAFOR conf. today, I thanked all participants for their help: new conferences to allow exchange of views. It is hoped that guidance given by the centres to their lower formations will be "in the light" of these discussions.
Else will keep notes: the others may do so if they wish.

So today SLAFOR heard the last of the series in the present form.

G/Capt. Urmston told me that Luft-Waffe played out: it was a good bet that war would be over by X mas.

1. Attended 9.3 weekly Conf.: good information statements by G2, Admiralty, Army, Airborne etc.

2. 1st met. Conf. (1000) on new basis. Else, W.W., Ad[?] AEAF & Me.
Agreed that Else lead off today & W.W. later: 2 Commns. the indication is now with the centres.
Lasted ½ hour: no substantial change from last night's conference.

Gen Bull indicated that he & also the S.C. & C of S. had been very pleased with the met performance & that a met section at SHAEF would continue: he indicated that it might be nec? to provide a section at Advd SHAEF in France 2-3 months from now. Sup. Cmdr would have his two separate armies to look after and also a joint US-Brit airborne force under his direct control.
This view will necessitate some modification in my ideas about the met Section: I had written a mem^m recommending its reduction to 2 junior officers.

Had discussion with Yates about this matter of the future SHAEF met section. He inclines to my view of his looking after things here while I go to France.
Yates also facing the issue about authorising transmission of reports from the battle area in clear (probably morning): ! an inspiring to Bridge.

Mr Fearns arrived to replace Robinson & is reading documents.

Writing more parts of the reports on met' arrangements & advice for D day.

Much acid & very heated discussion with Yates about issue of reports giving warnings in clear. Moorman is forcing his hand. G-2 SHAEF have not given an unequivocal recommendation on basis of views of AEAF, Army & Naval met: Even if they did, SHAEF has no authority to alter existing Combined Chiefs of Staff decision.

I consulted Absalom about the line adopted after discussion with Garrod: [extremely dangerous to start - would soon spread to wider areas & other forces]. C. Chiefs of Staff must ~~first~~ alter existing decision before present instructions can be altered.

In further discussion with Yates, I refused to issue any instructions or recommend to G-2 that they do so. I sent an AEAF signal wanting an instruction issued (saying reports may be issued in clear) to G-2, advising that the matter must go to C. Chiefs of Staff.

Very strong & heated arguments.

Robinson completing reports on D-day forecasts & analyses.

2nd 1000 conf. with Centrals: Means to make forecasts to be issued in replacement of PLAFOR.

Gave Col. Kutz ~~[illegible]~~ the first draft statement about future of met section (to be modified in light of Gen Bull's remarks yesterday).

1. DMO said question to be asked in H of Parliament about forecast for D day: it had been referred to SHAEF but has not so far come here. I said SHAEF would not provide the reply - an operational matter.

Writing more material for report on D day forecasts.

2. Forecast till Monday issued after listening in to Centrals

3. Exchange of view conf. at 1000.

~~[illegible]~~

Saturday, JUNE 17, 1944.

Very busy but can't very well say what I have done. Much argumentation with Yates about the question of transmitting met information in clear from the beachhead. I am still adamant that I cannot go beyond DDMO's letter of 21st April where 'normally' is the operative word.
Yates said that in discussion with DMO yesterday, DMO agreed to waive cipher back to 25 miles from Hun-lines. Very well!

Sunday, JUNE 18, 1944.

DMO spoke about the relaxation of security in Bridgehead. I said I felt I had been let down etc. The upshot was that Yates & I went to see DMO at Victory House & DMO withdrew the agreement he had come to with Yates on Friday. I was permitted to reply to Spencer's signal from AEAF (asking for permission for IXth A.F. to transmit in clear). Meanwhile DMO & Yates to come to agreement later on general question.

S/L Robinson left for good after return from 2 days leave at home (Leeds)

Monday, JUNE 19, 1944.

After a bad night with Buzz Bombs (pilotless aircraft) decided Betty & Peter must go to Scotland.
Sent off signal to C.Met.O AEAF about circumstances when it is already allowable to transmit met information in clear. I went to Kings Cross & book seat for Betty.
On way by SHAEF car, 2 pilotless aircraft came down near, one in Knightsbridge, other in Bloomsbury. Driver very scared, & nearly ran car into side on wrong side of road.

At home during aft" helping Betty prepare to go with them in evening to Kings Cross to see Betty & Peter in train.

To day ~~and~~ most of time writing Report on "Met for D Day". It is now becoming a biggish job which will take much time.

The daily Exchange of view Conference bet. Gen. Wardens & Admiralty continued at 10 a.m. Farms listens in & then prepares a forecast: this is coming on very well.

Farms also reorganising the filing system.

Evening wrote first memorandum on Future of Met Section SHAEF - on basis that one will still be needed (the earlier mem^m advocated its disposal).

Gen Bull has indicated that the Sup. Cand^r will still want a met section overseas.

Got off draft letter on Re-establishment of Met Service in France to Yates: dictated to DMO; typed for DMO's approval.

Again most of day on Report on "Met for D day". It is now getting into shape ready for letting Yates have a scrutiny of it.

Attended G.3 conference 9-10.30. Much reference to bad weather in Normandy. I said "It seems to be forgotten that the function of the Met Section SHAEF is to try to forecast the weather not to make it." This caused much laughter.

Re. the question of met reports in clear from Beachhead, it seems as if the ~~ma~~ matter is now thoroughly muddled. Following Yates visit to DMO last Friday, DMO authorised 2nd T.A.F. & E.T. to issue in clear: ~~so~~ since then (Sunday) he rescinded. So we now have the predicament that Yates has refused IXth A.F. who clamoured most for it, while DMO has allowed 2nd TAF. It is a mighty great pity that DMO is away while all this is going on. There will be trouble when he returns.

Much questioning at SHAEF about continued bad conditions in Normandy: Gens. Morgan, Gale, Crasett, Bull etc all anxious. "Mulberries" being smashed etc.

There must be a proper met. section at any future SHAEF HQ.: this business of running across to USSTAF is not good enough.

Gave 1st Draft of Report on Met for D day to Yates who promised it would read it carefully tonight.

DMO ~~agreed~~ decided modified letter to SHAEF on Rehabilitation which I sent to AEAF via Gen Bull.

Thursday, JUNE 22, 1944.

Yates returned Report re Wx for D day with comments. I spent most of rest of day rewriting sections of the Report to conform with his views (with which I agreed).

Buzz bombs have continued to come over at all times of day and night: Wm Rowe has asked me to provide details of wind at the 1-4000 ft heights at which the pilotless aircraft came over.

Yates indicated that Gen Spaatz has been asked by Gen Bull to approach Yates to consult with me about "Legion of Merit" for main forecasters at end of the [illegible]. Was [illegible] taken aback — too early, too previous etc.

Presumably this means that Yates & I will also get at least Legion of Merit: it doesn't seem just right.

Friday, JUNE 23, 1944.

1. Completed 2nd draft of Report on "Wx for D day" & handed it to Yates.
2. Discussed memo on "Future of SHAEF Wx Section" with Yates & redrafted. It appears that Gen Nevins (Ops-G-3) has told him it is now urgent: Wx section to be at Portsmouth by July 1st.
3. Yates said he had been asked to recommend "Legion of Merit" to Petterson, Douglas, Krick, Holzman, Wolfe & Hogben. I thought it odd: Yates said he had been asked to do this by Spaatz (from Gen Bull) as recognition of services by U.S. Govt.
4. Wrote to Mr Vick asking for Ground [illegible] Diagrams to Dec. Col. [illegible] ([illegible]) had inquired.
5. Wrote to Absalom about Intelligence letter re responsibility of Chief O SHAEF in relation to [illegible] in the Field.

Gen Morgan (D/C of S) & Gen Gale (G-1) still worried about wind & cloud. Assured them that wind would now keep down but cloud continue at high average amount.

Saturday, JUNE 24, 1944.

Gen Bull wanted statement of wind cloud on beachhead 0400-0800 on June 6th: I gave him the cloud wind from the Report on Met for D-day.

Yates had read the Report overnight; I discussed with him & Holzman some technical points & agreed on style changes.

Typing of final draft was started.

Meeting in Col. Kings room on future of Ops at SHAEF. Met Section required at Forward SHAEF (Portsmouth) which will later move to France. Only reports reqd at Teddington. It is going to be difficult to get these people to realise that we cannot work divorced from a Head Section.

Gave King a memo "on Future of Met Section" with appendix on how the Section might be used in [illegible].

Gen Morgan, Gale & Bo one still anxious about weather in Normandy.

Sunday, JUNE 25, 1944.

Gen Bull wanted quantitative details about wind on 6th June. I consulted Fleming (Portsmouth) who said (for 0300 to 0900). Force 3 on Utah, $3\frac{1}{2}$ on Omaha & 4 on British Beaches. Gave this modified report to Gen Bull.

Listened to Centrals conference. (10-10.45)

Read part of final draft of Report on D-day after typing.

Col. Jones said he had "14 pairs" down for posting to Portsmouth in Sept. I said this wld need further discussion.

Went home about 3 pm.

(Not many buzz bombs since Yesterday morning)

Monday, JUNE 26, 1944.

(1) Listened to Met. Conf. (Centrals) 10.-10.45

(2) Gen Morgan & Bull asked about future weather: cloudy but no strong winds till Wed. then chance of improvement.

(3) Editing first draft of D-day Report - many small corrections

Tuesday, JUNE 27, 1944.

Sent out advance Draft of Report on D day to:
(1) Chief of Plans & Ops. G-3
(2) DMO
Yates also got one for Washington. /

Discussed Portsmouth Met Section with Gen Nevins (in company with Yates).
Gen Nevins was determined to get to see that the min^m section at Forward SHAEF was 3 officers (including boss) + 4 ORs (plotters). Bull had agreed. I told DMO wanted to come & discuss tomorrow with Yates about personnel.
Later Gen Nevins said he had discussed with Gens Bull & Whiteley. They had ~~agreed to~~ come to conclusion that they would leave Section here meantime. We must not emasculate the section from its present strength. We should send down report about Hearts at 8 a.m. ~~top~~ to War Room & give that a trial. If it didn't work then we should consider the matter again.
Informed DMO & cancelled tomorrow meeting.
It's a pity they have decided in this way but they will probably soon find out how impracticable their proposal is.

Letter to DMO asking for officer for Coltelo Advanced SHAEF
Letter to DDMO asking that consideration be given to modifying 1st T/S schedule overseas for Met Section in France.

Wednesday, JUNE 28, 1944.

G-3 Conf. at 9.00 till 1020
After hearing a lot of talk at this conf. about Gales last week I remarked, one that if the invasion had been postponed it would have run into these same gales.
Later Brig. McLean said he had been interested in this remark because the P.M. (Churchill) had told him on Saturday that he had thought the same thing & intended to make mention of it in a speech.
Gen Bull later on gave me a letter signed Gen Eisenhower commending very highly the service given him. Particularly the straightforward way the Hearts had been presented. /

Not much constructive work done.

Told Gen. Bull I was unhappy about decision with Met Section to Forward HQ: hoped it would be reviewed in light of experience.

Suggested to Col. Yates that he might take next Turnhouse or Wick — he probably will.

Still rather quiet.
Wrote DMO about (1) his suggestion for modifying report on D day
(2) forwarding copy of Gen Eisenhower's letter.

Also sent copy of Gen Eisenhower letter to DMMS and DDSWS.

Saw Brig. Schonland re met for 21 A Group. Suggested he shd [illegible] to Mr Bull to ask for met section to run down to Portsmouth or alternatively [illegible] a good meteorologist sent to work at 21 AG.

Send to DMO, DMMS & DDSWS copies of summaries of their respective central analyses.

Yates arranged to take me to Turnhouse tomorrow. Heston from which airfield he will fly was struck by a bomb (flying) last night & wrecked some aircraft but he thinks he will get one.

Pilotless aircraft still come over – a bad one (near here) fell while I was [illegible] this – giving a terrific blast through the room.

Went to Heston by car with Yates then in "Harvard" aircraft hoping to arrive Turnhouse about 1230.
Weather became bad north of Doncaster – low cloud & bad vis. Finally came down at Acklington after some hair raising dives & shootings up out of valleys in Northumberland.

After lunch at Acklington we tried to proceed via the coast but cloud came down to sea level and there were again a few frights as tall cliffs (eg. Bamburgh Castle) suddenly loomed ~~up~~ up out of the thick cloud, requiring a sharp sudden turn & ~~so~~ swoop upwards to avoid. I was rather relieved when we turned back to spend the night at Acklington.

Saturday, JULY 1, 1944.

Got up at 5 a.m. (Acklington) but still low cloud: decided to go by train. Slow train from Acklington (9.54), change Alnwick & then through Berwick to Edinburgh by 1.45 or 2 pm. Arrived Dalkeith 3 pm. Fortunately I had not sent a telegram so there had been no worry.

Sunday, JULY 2, 1944.

At Dalkeith.

Monday, JULY 3, 1944.

At Dalkeith: visited Edinburgh Castle etc with Betty

Tuesday, JULY 4, 1944.

At Dalkeith: rain all day: went walk in afternoon: but in poor cloud, misty weather.

Wednesday, JULY 5, 1944.

Into Edinburgh & thence to Turnhouse: Cabin waiting: left at 12.20 in the same "Harvard." Flew via Blackford Hill, Dalkeith Pathhead South to Kelso, over Cheviots & then straight south. Cloud at 1500 - 2000 ft all way but not very more rocky except over Cheviots where had to go through valleys below level of surrounding hill tops covered in cloud.

Arrived Heston 2.35. A flying bomb had struck Heston ½ hour before landing: building a shambles. Immediately we had deplaned another warning went: the whole of the personnel rushed out to shelters ran to the airfield & flung themselves down on the ground. Obviously these U.S. people have got the jitters.

Back in SHAEF by 3.15: sent off telegram to Washbank.

Found out what had happened in SHAEF - nothing much except that DMO letters had gathered.

Back to 34 KR. Found the place intact - no flying bombs had landed near while I have been away.

Thursday, JULY 6, 1944.

Attended W.W. Conference (F/cast) & also listened to Centrals (telephone) Conf.

D.M.O. spoke about Met Report on D day. - he wants rearrangement of "Central views" also SHAEF's analysis. I said Stagg would object to the first & I gave a most probable f/cast. Hope to let it die.

Afternoon to Min. of Supply meeting in Berkeley Court on variation of time of twilight with height (Astronomer Royal in chair). Asked about time for Identification of aircraft from ground bell (raised by Air Defence SHAEF) but hardly could'nt help.

Came back to Richmond about 5 pm.

Friday, JULY 7, 1944.

~~DDMO re~~

Sutcliffe phoned about letter from A.M. (A/cdr Hardman Director Tactical Ops) about met report in draw for France.

Consulted DDMO who consulted DMO. DDMO said there was confusion. I should wait till Sutcliffe sent copy of letter to SHAEF: I shall then consult US. If they agree, I shall issue instructions from SHAEF.

DDMO also spoke about RRT & TxE groups to be added to reports from France. I asked Yates to get Norman to go & instructed Farquharson to tell 83 Grp to add these groups.

Also Index & Position letters: discussed with Yates. He will consult 9th AF (Norman) & let me know.

21 AG. want 100 copies Sun. Tables.

Busy most of day on these & other letters sent by Sutcliffe in connexion with AEAF.

Sent letter of thanks to C.O. Acklington.

DDMO asked that we resume sending copies of 3 day f/cast to (1) S of S (2) DMO. Sent copy of today's f/cast to S of S with covering note.

DMO said he had sent copy of General Eisenhower's letter to S of S. S of S had replied "Excellent". DUS of S had said "I'm not surprised" (presumably at my being eulogised in this way! qy. what does he mean?).

DMO also said he proposed to write statement for Press. Send to SHAEF for comment before issue.

Saturday, JULY 8, 1944.

At SHAEF 0800 till 4/pm.

Not much doing. (1) USSTAF conf.
(2) Central telephone conf.

DMO said he would send me draft of his article to be given to D Pub. Relations.

Major Medlicott Air Defence SHAEF discussed question of time to be decided when AA in Normandy should engage aircraft whether Fw or Fw. I explained that the result of the meeting in 6(?) had been that no information existed; taking into account the met. variations, better to lay down arbitrary figure (like Civil Twilight) & use that. He agreed.

Sunday, JULY 9, 1944.

Prepared chart (8.10) for General's conf.
Attended USSTAF met talk
& Central's telephone conf.

Returned to 34 K.R. about 4/pm.

Monday, JULY 10, 1944.

USSTAF met. Conference 8.45.
Telephone Conf. with Central 10.00
Assisted Stevens with the SHAEF chart.
Letter to DMO & DUSWS about security of met information: report in clear from bridgehead in Normandy.

Discussed with Yates Position & Index Groups (9th & IIIC(?)) for mobile reports & then before DDMO.
Agreed with DDMO that for
(1) Position Group to be 9th
(2) Index Group state 9 (US) or X (Br)
(3) Standard 110 form of message
(4) Rainfall Group. RRTTE.

Spoke Durst about Comment on Col Stunner's paper: Durst will send me copy of his comments.

Spoke Sutcliffe about misc. met matters.

Cloudy, rainy weather
Things quiet in Met Section SHAEF.

Tuesday, JULY 11, 1944.

Continuing rather quiet: Gen Bull & most of Ops people have gone from SHAEF main to Portsmouth a week ago. Doubtless things will brighten up again in due time.

USSTAF conf. (attend) at 0845: then Central conf. at 10.00

Flying bombs have been coming over with considerable frequency. The main siren alert has been going off & on all day & also the SHAEF local alarm "Imminent Danger: take Cover" – followed by "Danger over: raider past".

This has been going on now since 19th June. Slit trenches have been prepared all over the Camp & everyone is supposed to go to them. Most people do. I just ensure that I'm not sitting before windows.

Wednesday, JULY 12, 1944.

USTAAF met conf. at 0845
Central Conf. at 10.00.

Minute to G-3 Ops re suggestion from Signals Branch that telephone conf. facilities should be withdrawn.

DDMO spoke about mobile station position group Q W.W. Q will now be either 9 (west of 0°) or 4 (East of 0°). Yates has agreed.

Arranged with Yates that he shd consider going to Portsmouth tomorrow to see Gen Bull about future of met section.

Farquharson & Sutcliffe visited SHAEF after their visit to Normandy yesterday.

Thursday, JULY 13, 1944.

USTAAF met. Conf. at 0845.
Central Conf. at 1000.

Arranged with Yates to see Gen Bull at Forward SHAEF & went there by car leaving 1030.

Arrived 12.40. Lunch in U.S. mess & then discussion with Gen Bull on future of Met Section.
I deliberately cleared out by saying that he would hurt no one's feelings if he decided to disperse the Met Section & Gen Bull agreed that if he could not see the likelihood of great use of it, he would have no hesitation in dispersing. Then he spoke of Beneficiary (St Malo) & Hands Up (Quiberon Bay) & said 2 sets of forecasters would be involved (Airborne & Naval). I said they could agree between themselves without SHAEF: Gen Bull said the Sup. Cmd^r couldn't risk conflict; he must have his own advice.
This was the primary contention: Yates could not counter it; altho' he obviously w'd like the section disbanded.
It was left that SHAEF Met continues till another 3 months & Gen Bull will bring us to Portsmouth when req^d.

Back to Teddington with 3 pm. Shuttle car, arriving at SHAEF at 4.40.

Gen Bull said he was reading my Report on Met for D-day "with great interest".
Also said "to have a man like Stagg to give met advice was worth millions of dollars & untold headaches to the S.C."

Friday, JULY 14, 1944.

USTAAF met conf. at 0845: Central Conf. at 1000.

1. DDMO phoned several times about "Indians" question.
DMO had left it with him & he is passing it to me to settle with Yates. According to him, he wants to be assured that all military people are aware of what is entailed. If Gen Bull decides to proceed with all the facts before him, M.O. will have no objection to opening the whole area (not just 25 miles). But it is my job to ensure that the people who decide are fully aware of the implications.

2. Replied to Washington-SHAEF signal about relaxation security of met. info regulations in U.S., Alaska, etc. (Objected to Greenland & to less extent Newfoundland).

3. Message from G. Plans 21 A.G. (Col. Bonesteel Ext^n 34). Later Col. Bonesteel came to SHAEF. Question is chances of op^l conditions for "Hands Up" (Quiberon Bay). 4-5 days consecutive "airborne weather" with little rain before hand.
Passed query to Burst & W.O. (reply wanted by tomorrow am)

4. Wrote mem^m on yesterday's interview with Gen Bull on future of Met Section, & of Yates' agreement; passed to Col. Jones.

5. Started preparing F'cast at 1800 as well as 0800 for transmission to Forward SHAEF.

Saturday, JULY 15, 1944.

Met. Conf. W.W. 0845: Central Conf. (tel). 1000

Discussion with Yates on DDMO's attitude to "Anders" question: he is becoming v. much annoyed: why didn't DDMO speak Yates.

Yates also worried about DDMO's letter re. Evans' promotion; I explained the probable difficulties.

Much work supplying G Plans 21 A/G with information for Aug. + Sept. on "Hands up" (Quebec Day). Got W.W. & Meteor to examine but they came out with different answers; Thomas also worked on Douglas's "Overlord" table.

I communicated W.W. results to Col. Bonesteel SK.34.

Sunday, JULY 16, 1944.

Met Conf at 8.45. Central Conf. at 1000.

DDMO's reply to "Anders" question arrived: I wrote memo putting whole position afresh to Dep. Chief Ops. G-3.

Discussed with Yates: he disagreed: said I gave a prejudiced bias to the presentation - U.S. views not taken into account etc.

I agreed to modify slightly.

Long discussion with Sutcliffe on his position at AEAF: wants to leave AEAF to Coles & take over 2nd TAF: I promised to discuss with Directorate.

Monday, JULY 17, 1944.

W.W. Conf. at 0845: Central Conf at 1000.

Discussed replies from various angles to 21 A/G G. Plans query about "Hands up".

Douglas's statistics give opposite picture to that of W.W. with Meteor in between.

Query from G-2 (Col Foord via Capt. Dagel) when does winter start in France? I said end of Oct. or early Nov. for open country: mid Oct. for wooded or marshy country.

Buzzy bombs coming over again after a few days lull: some came over top of 34 K.R. about 5-6 am this morning, stopped - making terrific bang - wherever it struck (somewhere near).

Tuesday, JULY 18, 1944.

Met. Conf at W.W. (0845): Central Conf. 10.00

0915 Request for forecast for Weds. Thursday came thro' from Sup. Commander ~~[illegible]~~ Portsmouth. Gave outlook. (Cloudy both days — though would not completely clear beach area).

Got Yates to instruct Norman Lovejoy to Brunel letter: reply will come in 2 days.

Went to Air Ministry premises to get DDMO to modify his recent letter to me on "Relaxation of Security" in Normandy.

He agreed to take out all "You should's —":

Also saw Calsdam, Head & Best.

Replied to 21 A.G. (copies ANCXF + AEAF) on probable weather for "Hands Up".

Wednesday, JULY 19, 1944.

Met. Conf. WW 0845: Central Conf. 10.00

Studied Practicability Problem for "Going" Conf. tomorrow.

Gens. Morgan, Whiteley brought in Gen Ismay (P.M.'s adviser) to meet me.

Gen Ismay said "Well you still have a few hairs left" so on.

I spoke Gen Morgan about future of Met Section: he said "It'd have been well discussed: you may be quiet now but the time will come when the S.C. will certainly require your services again."

That was heartening news: because Gen Bull had been rather doubtful remarks about it.

1500 demand from Portsmouth for Spend forecast: I limited it to 2 or 3 days good weather.

USAAF 0845 Conf. discontinued.
1000 Centrals conf.

1100 "Going" meeting under Col. Ford G-2.
Decided next stage in arrangements: put before 21 A/G in about 2 weeks asking for trial period.
Will use 1×10⁵ charts – soil maps – no specific seasonal maps this will be done by key tables arranged between ISTD (Capt. Shennan) & Kirkcaldy.

Aft^n. wrote letter (draft) to ADMS(H) about organising a Field Met Service.

Sent copy of Sept – Dec. Moonlight Diagrams to Col. Hinton U.S. Airborne Command.

Sent Brunt's statement of weather last 30 – 50 years to Sutcliffe.

Bad night & forenoon for bombs (flying). They have been coming over intermittently all night & almost every 5 minutes from 8.30 till at least 11.30, most of the staff have been rushing out & in to slit trenches. It's getting a bit wearing.

10.00 Centrals Conf.
[at 9.30. Sup. Cmdr & Capt Bell asked for special times for tomorrow – by phone thro Warroom Command].

Having been checking the sun & moon data tables for Sept. – Dec. while James has been preparing with Sergt Foster.

Saturday, JULY 22, 1944.

Conf at 1000. Indications of settled weather for day or two.

Went off after tea. 5pm.

Sunday, JULY 23, 1944.

In at 0800: Forecast for Portsmouth.
Studied charts in W/Wing then 1000 Centrals Conf.

Little further doing till I went off at 3pm.

Flying Bomb fell at top of Queens Rd last night — a very noisy night.

Monday, JULY 24, 1944.

Centrals Conf at 1000: Weather unsettled again tomorrow.

Letter to DDMO agreeing his proposals about T/P [illegible] schedule to France.

U.S. 8th A.F. were to have attacked St. Lô: they set out but were recalled: Hard lines on Sutcliffe's Head;

Very little doing.

Sutcliffe telephoned today he was going on leave for 2–3 days.

Tuesday, JULY 25, 1944.

Discussion on W.W. on weather analogs.
1000. Conf. with Centrals.

W/Cdr + AEAF wants weather appreciation for airborne op^ns (Sept. – March) in area West & N.W. of Paris (Lucky Strike op^n).

Sent copy of Brunt + Douglas note on weather in June to Fleming.

Henry phoned saying he would be leaving AT/CXF in a week or so to work in Berkeley Sq. (Meteor. investigations)

Ratcliffe phoned about St Lo op^n carried out this morning.

Asked Brunt for material to help with "Lucky Strike" question (see above).

S.M. Report on "Met for D-day" back from AC of S. G-3 ~~best~~ with comments.

Wednesday, JULY 26, 1944.

Centrals Conf. 1000

Not much definite other work – except examining implications of G-3's comments on Met for D-day report; – started drafting replacement sections.

Thursday, JULY 27, 1944.

Centrals Conf. 1000

Worked on modifications in Report on Met. for [illegible] following receipt of comments from [illegible].

Friday, JULY 28, 1944.

Centrals Conf. 1000
Admiralty (Cmdr Wolfe) announced that after tomorrow Adm. will not be able to take part any further: reorganisation in the Section will not allow nec. conservation to be given to long range aspect.
I asked if a different time would help but Wolfe was adamant: Adm. could no longer take part in the conf. – except on special occasions.

Col Kutz Forward SHAEF Ops G-3 spoke about "Security of Met Information problem." He didn't know what to do. I gave him Col Yates views and the thing really was a [illegible].
Later he asked if I would draft a directive saying what was proposed to do and to make a committee to go out with it.
I did this [illegible] today.

Drew Organization tables for Sep-Dec 1944 passed to G-3 Ops for preparation & distribution.

Saturday, JULY 29, 1944.

At 1000 Centrale Conf: Said goodbye & thanks to Adm.
Douglas announced wld be nec.^y to change time of Conf. to afternoon or later after about 10th August.

Sunday, JULY 30, 1944.

Request from Col. Stromberg G3 Plans for information on airborne ops for Opn Airheads.

Centrale Conf. (C/A & W.W. only)

Went home after lunch.

Monday, JULY 31, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. (C/A & W.W. only)
Working on modifications in Report on Met. for D-day.

Communicated to Col Stromberg by phone (Spaatz 31) information on probable number of days any-more which may be available for "Air Heads" operations.

Tuesday, AUGUST 1, 1944.

Centrals Conf. 1000 (Ela + W.W.).

Received from G-3 copy of the letter G-3 have sent to authorities concerned on Security of Intell Information in France.

Working intermittently on odds & ends in Report - Intell for Oday.

[illegible] returned from Africa (away fortnight).

Things very quiet in SHAEF: most other people have now been transferred to Forward HQ at Portsmouth.

Wednesday, AUGUST 2, 1944.

Routine as previous days.

Air Chief Mr. Yeadon came in & discussed weather prospects. -

Thursday, AUGUST 3, 1944.

1000 Central Conf. Elis & [illegible].

Very little doing.
Odd minutes on [illegible] Report for [illegible].

Much Flying bomb activity last night & into forenoon today: nothing very near.

Friday, AUGUST 4, 1944.

1000 Central conf. Elis & [illegible].

Very slack: I can't stand this much longer.

Saturday, AUGUST 5, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000 re issue of 3 day Fcast.
Doctoring parts of met report on D day & stating it wider [illegible] for Public Relations SHAEF for Press Release: (I am mortally sick of this thing)

Supreme Cmdr Forward SHAEF wanted immediately a long range Fcast. Fortunately we had just decided on the Central Conference that things looked more settled than at any time since D day & information to that effect was telephoned.

Mr Farns went off on leave to Sheffield — till Thursday.

I went home about 5.30 pm

Sunday, AUGUST 6, 1944.

In at 8 to make morning Fcast for AVM Conf.
Central Conf. 1000.

Mainly on Press story of met. for D day.

Went home about 4 pm.

Monday, AUGUST 7, 1944.
(BANK HOLIDAY)

In at 8 for issue of 24 hr.
1000 Central Conf.

All day I wrote Press synopsis of met for D day & completed it & handed over to Yates by 6 pm.

Issued evening Fcast for next 24 hours at 17.30.

Discussed the question of future of SHAEF met. with ADM(H): he arranged with DMO that I go & discuss with DMO tomorrow

Dressed 1st hr. B'fast at 0815.
1000 Central Conf. (Patterson said it would be his last appearance).

Victory House: Discussion with DMO DDMO & ADMO(H) on future of SHAEF met Section.

As unsatisfactory as I had expected. DDMO started talking about the "[illegible] Point" of Impact & 50% Zones of doodle bugs. Then DMO & DDMO talked about arrangements for taking over Germany met Service.

DMO would not write Gen Bull until we knew more about future organisation of SHAEF in France.

After the meeting ADMO(H) said "Well it's clear what they are thinking: they've got you in mind for taking over the German met Service on the British side & working with the U.S. & Russians."

Central Conference 10.00. (The Farms still away since last Saturday)

1. Discussed planning for Germany ~~[illegible]~~ with W/Cdr Spence.
He said all German planning handed over to C.C.M.S.
(Control Commission Military Section)
W/Cdr Cox 341. Informed DMO.

2. ADMO(H) phoned about Rankin B for Norway.
Got plans from AEAF & told Absalom how he could get hold of them.
He said he didn't want more.

Thursday, AUGUST 10, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. Elu (Douglas) + W.W.

DMO phoned today he had been in touch with CCMS (Norfolk Ho) had tried to get G/C White at SHAEF.
I am to find out from White how AEAF are doing the planning on met side for liberated countries.
Also if I see Gen Brill I am to ask how he would view letter from DMO requesting my release from SHAEF met. section, with important Met job in view. DMO said specifically he had in mind that he wanted me for the Germany job.

Wrote a msg to Col. Jones Chief Executive officer E-3 at Forward HQ Portsmouth, asking him if he thought Gen Brill would release me if DMO wrote.

Working on French code which has been commented on by U.S. (Moorman) & I now have ADMO(H)'s comments on U.S. suggestions. I am preparing note for AEAF on for Director U.S. Weather Services.

Friday, AUGUST 11, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. Douglas (Elu) + W.W. Forms returned today.

Saturday, AUGUST 12, 1944.

Centrale Conf.ce 1000.

DDMO telephoned to ask me to go to interview 2 German meteorologists (Majors) at Beaconsfield tomorrow.

I fixed up with S/Ld. Gregory, ADI (K) Air Ministry, to be there at 12 (noon) tomorrow.
First to call to see W/Cdr. Felkin at Latimer (through Chenies down road on left then up hill thro' Latimer Village).

Sunday, AUGUST 13, 1944.

Centrale Conf.ce 1000.
By car to Chenies & Latimer.
Interviewed Major Tilsch alone in W/Cdr. Felkin's camp.
Then 12 miles on at Beaconsfield with S/Ld. Gregory interrogated Majors Lettau & Kornrumpf.
Interviews very satisfactory: made me realise how difficult it is going to be to continue negotiations against the Boche in later days.

Monday, AUGUST 14, 1944.

Centrale Conf.ce. 1000.

Wrote report on yesterdays interviews with German officers. Sent copies to DDMO & S/Ld. Gregory.

Also sent DDMO copy of my Press Note for D-day along with his note.

Tuesday, AUGUST 15, 1944.

Central Conf.ce 1000. (Krick & Douglas.)

Sent off PREMET material to Sutcliffe (AEAF) & to Yates requesting Col. Moorman's acceptance

Gen Bull spoke from Forward SHAEF.
Asked me to go see Gen Parks C. of Staff. of new Combined Airborne HQs at Sunningdale to see about met. organisation.

I discussed with Yates & went with Col. Neal & Col. Kent (both US). Saw Parks & decided on recommendations with Col. Neal (Yates' Deputy).

(Yates says USSAAF also going to France about 1st Sept & be near SHAEF at Granville.)

I explained to ADMO(A) on return from Sunningdale what the proposals were: he said he would consult DDMO to see that they were acceptable.

Wednesday, AUGUST 16, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. (Krick & Douglas)

Wrote report for Gen Bull on met. organisation for Combined Airborne but held it up till see what Col. Neal's actual recommendations are.

Col. Jones (Chief Executive Officer G-3) came from Forward SHAEF & told me Gen Bull would agree to release me but should have to submit a report on how the met. section would be kept going.
I discussed with Yates: he agreed that both he & I could clear out & leave to 2 junior officers (Brit: S/Ldr + US. Col.) to keep War Room information going.

I informed DDMO that Gen Bull both directly yesterday & through the Chief Executive Officer would consider request for my release from SHAEF met. section.

Thursday, AUGUST 17, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. Douglas & Krick.

Discussed Combined Airborne Met organisation with ADM(A) by phone: he consulted DDMO who agreed that U.S. Col. + Brit W/Cdr acceptable.

I completed report for Gen. Bull & sent off to Forward SHAEF along with report on future of Met Section on removal to France – advocating no need for Col. or Group Captain.

Sent copy of my report on interrogation of German Officers to G-2 intelligence & a special letter note to Chief of Ops G-3 (Gen Nevins) on the German forecast for invasion of France.

At 5.35 pm. War Room took fire: all the cellophane covering the maps went up with a woofs – woofs & the place filled with smoke. I took out the more important of my belongings from the Met. room & cleared out.

Long cantankerous argument with Yates about Met Section & his work as Deputy. rather juvenile (both of us)

Friday, AUGUST 18, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000.

Williams PA to DMO told me DMO had written to Gen Bull yesterday requesting my release from SHAEF.

Saturday, AUGUST 19, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000

Not much doing: Let S/Ldr [illegible] off from midday till tomorrow noon & went away myself about 4 pm.

Asked Sutcliffe to consult Farquharson about PREMET after talking to Absalom who goes on 10 days leave today.

(Beal also away on leave in [illegible])

Sunday, AUGUST 20, 1944.

Central Conf 1000.
ACM Tedder sent for me to explain "[illegible]": how long will it remain bad. Cloud breaking by late tomorrow.

I went home after lunch.

Monday, AUGUST 21, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000. Weather outlook continues v. poor.

Sent copy of G-3 decision not to relax security of met[d] information in France to DDMO.

ACM Tedder sent for me about interview with Major Lettau. AVM Robb had taken to note [illegible] to G-2 intelligence. Tedder was very interested in the German admission that the Bosche commanders had been advised ~~about~~ that invasion on 5th 6th June was unlikely.

Msg ~~Letter~~ from Col Jones Chief Executive Officer G-3 says that Gen Bull had recommended to C. of S. that Met. Section be inactivated in its entirety.

Tuesday, AUGUST 22, 1944.

Central Conf. 1000.

Yates came over to SHAEF & discussed with IXth AF Comments on PREMET.

USTAAF now fixing up. - things getting all unsettled

Wednesday, AUGUST 23, 1944.

After breakfast at SHAEF mess. Went up to London (Bank) & came back for lunch.

Thursday, AUGUST 24, 1944.

Enthl. Conf. 1000.

Little doing.

Left at 5pm. on leave till Monday Sept. 4th. having taken all personal items out of the office at SHAEF in case the disbandment of the ... Section takes place before I return.

Left Kings Cross by 10pm. train for ...

Friday, AUGUST 25, 1944.

Arrived Dalkeith 9 am.

Saturday, AUGUST 26, 1944.

Sunday, AUGUST 27, 1944.

Monday, AUGUST 28, 1944.

On leave at Dalkeith all this week.

Tuesday, AUGUST 29, 1944.

On Leave at Dalkeith

Wednesday, AUGUST 30, 1944.

On Leave at Dalkeith

Thursday, AUGUST 31, 1944.

On Leave at Dalkeith.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 1, 1944.

On Leave at Dalkeith

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 2, 1944.

Left Lowestoft by 9.40 train after queue for 7.30 with Betty & Peter: got comfortable seats for all 3 in 1st Pullmann.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 3, 1944.

Arrived Kingsloss 7.30 am.
Took Betty & Peter to Victoria for train for Seaford. Saw them off at 9.45 after hour in queue & returned alone to 34 KR

Did odd jobs at home: slept at times because did not get very good sleep last night in train.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 4, 1944.

Went to SHAEF Teddington for breakfast. Found that S/Ldr Farms had packed up ready to remove files etc to Victory House pending disposal.
Went to Victory House by car with Farms & arranged for Farms to go on leave.
Saw DMO: He spoke of Control Commission work, gave me files to read. I arranged to report to A/Cdr Cox Norfolk House tomorrow am.

Returned to Richmond via SHAEF bus from Norfolk House at 6pm.

Didn't see Yates today: he is away in France & all the USSTAAF people except Knicle also gone.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 5, 1944.

By train to Waterloo – (first train journey on this route for many months) then to ETOUSA 20 Grosvenor Sq. to meet W/Cdr Nicholls re film about Intel for D day: Gave him all the information I had – from diary. Nicholls most interested in things the S.C. this Staff said.

– Then came to Norfolk House reported to A/Cdr Cox. I was at once taken to a meeting of 56 people & virtually made to justify (a) Intel: being with the C.C.
(b) my rank
(c) why DMO had been so long in making up his mind.
As regards (a), Cox (urged by W/Cdr Lambert) thought Intel should be at higher level; he didn't want any "control" being done.
Cox took me to Brig Goetenburg (Deputy Controller of the 3 Service Divisions under Major Gen. West) who convinced Cox that the Air Forces Division was the place.
As regards Rank; why not only a W/Cdr. All other sorts of Branches & Divisions would want G/Capt status. I said I & my USSR & US. colleagues would have to deal with Germans of Genl. Rank (Berkendorf). Cox scoffed at this but said he would put it in.
Then there was discussion about where Intel. should be on the Air Division tree. They have it provisionally under Equipment; I said that was wrong. Should be "the" with Signals & Intelligence. Much discussion on this. "Photos" etc would want similar full representation.
In all this argumentation which went on throughout the

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6, 1944.

Came to my big empty room on 2nd floor N/folk House & set about getting paper, ink etc to write a Intel Plan.
Felt rotten (headache) & so didn't do anything. Read W/C A.T. Brown's book (part of it) "Ground Staff" & documents & plans.
Had lunch in Norfolk House Club alone & went to office to a dull all day.
In view of all yesterday's arguments & doubts, I'm feeling rather sorry for myself. All new jobs have nasty things at first. It was the same when I came first to this building for SHAEF in Nov. 1943.

day Cox buzzed about just like Dr Lee used to do, consulting this person & then that. (mainly W/Cdr Lambert).
Was given a table in Lambert's room & then taken to another room to share with a W/Cdr Brown (Admin) & a F/Lt Swayne – both on leave.

Rumoured that the C.C. may not come to drawing; also rumoured that AEAF are trying to take over the Air side of AEAF work. This was the rumour Cox consulted Gen West who said ACM Sir L. & ACM L-Mallory were at that moment arguing about it.

Norfolk House.
Worked steadily & quietly all day in the big empty room (225), with its occupants (W/Cdr Browne & Lt Swayne) on leave.
Got out the rest of the first draft plan ready for going tomorrow to Victory House to get details for appendices.

Spent the day at Victory House.
Plotting charts of positions of German reporting stations in British Zone. Getting details of frequencies of issues of W/T collections from Germany etc.
Worked in Beet's room.

Went direct from Victory House with Stewart Muirhead to supper at his home & then walked home to Richmond.
Big Explosion at Chiswick (Staveley Rd) at 6.48 pm while Stewart & I were in train (Turnham Green)
(First Rocket?)

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 9, 1944.

Norfolk House — till about 3 p.m. this aft.

Got my first Draft-Plan with appendices ready for handing to typist. Got typist to do it.

Mainly reading German Zeitungen got from Intelligence Section next door.

SHAEF telephoned to ask if I agreed to my name being released in connection with D day forecast. I agreed.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 10, 1944.

For first Sunday for months did not need to go on duty.

Afternoon & Evening upset by newspaper men in connection with SHAEF's release of my name for D day forecast. Daily Mail & Herald phoned & came to door with camera men.

Got in touch with Robertson (Air Ministry Public Relations) through Mrs Durward. Was advised

(1) to give A.M. biographical details

(2) to tell newspapers that a general interview would be arranged at A.M. tomorrow.

Both Daily Mail & Herald still came to door at 8-9 pm & Mail representative got information about Zones of Almond Anderlief. Guns firing in France heard from 4 pm till 7 or 8 pm in London. I heard them at Mrs when having tea.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 11, 1944.

Norfolk House all day.

I expected to be asked to come to A.M. to interview Newspaper men. Spoke to Mr Williams (PA to DDMO): he knew of yesterday's business & would speak to DDMO (DDMO away on week-end leave).

But nothing happened all day.

I wrote Appendix to Plan on 'German Met Service' & handed it over for typing.

Read German Tageblatt (from Intelligence).

W/Cdr A.J. Brown & S/Ldr Gates came to the Room that I occupied since I came.

My name appeared in many papers today for D day work — also broadcast on 6 pm news. I saw only the Times story: a straight dignified statement.

Rocket with terrific bang & reverberation on Chryston with Maida Road.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 12, 1944.

Norfolk House all day.
Did little on Met Control work.

Read German newspapers to get facility with ordinary German vocabulary.

Received letter from Gen Bull with copy of letter to MO10

Received photo of Elsa Long Range Flash unit & replied to Miss Beverly (Petterssen's PA).

Sent letter to Bilham asking him for information about Stations in Germany.

Submitted Appendix B (German Met Organisation) to Lambert for inclusion in whole Plan

Visited Norfolk House for papers & charts (only there for few minutes).

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13, 1944.

CCMS School started at Regents Park. (Viceroy Court)
Went to hear Vansittart's lecture.

Did little else. working in Room 225 with W/Cdr A.T. Brown & S/Ldr Eales

Reading German etc.

S/Ldr Ross (Canada) phoned: he works in the Signals Section of AFD. He came to Fort Rae as Staff Sergeant R. Canadian Corps Signals in 1933.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 14, 1944.

In Room 225: Norfolk House (Brown & Sales)

Went to School lecture by Mr Marshall Foreign Office
Otherwise not much doing.

The whole set up of the Air Armies Division is rotten.
W/Cdr Cox is a most uninspiring Chief - runs about consulting W/Cdr Lambert & attending lectures without suggesting that others might wish to attend. (Very like Dr Lee at Renwick)

W/Cdr Brown here is very disgruntled & dyspeptic most other people are too.
Cox hasn't spoken to me since I came to Norfolk House tho' he has come into the room he hasn't even said Good morning.
Had to give my draft Plan to Lambert who let it lie on his table since Sat. of last week.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 15, 1944.

Still in Room 225 Norfolk House - mainly reading German & doing odd writing jobs.
Went to School lecture - S/Ldr Willetts (Intelligence Section) - on rise of Nazi Party. He told story of Unity Mitford waiting at his father's house - firing a revolver at trees - practising for the time when the Führer would order the shooting of Jews & certain Englishmen. Example of fanaticism of women in presence of Hitler.

Individuals will have to move to another room (214) tomorrow morning - ½ room shared by "Personnel".

Col. Neil USAAF brought up photo prints of synoptic charts for D-day Report. Spoke about the U.S. counterpart for the Tripartite Commission.

(Sirens this morning & more missiles on London. BBC said flying bombs but W/Cdr Brown said they were Rockets. This should be against Saturday 16/9)

Another big bang this morning.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 16, 1944.

Shifted to Room 214 – half room to be shared with S.P.S.O. when he comes.

Row with G/C Kelly (Admin) about whether I should be in 1st or 2nd part of room. Insisted inner part: he finally agreed.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944.

Room 214 Norfolk House – full day – home early afternoon.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944.

At: Norfolk House – but nothing doing.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944.

Norfolk House – reading German & odd jobs.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 21, 1944.

Norfolk House (2/4) Reading German & odd jobs

Friday, SEPTEMBER 22, 1944.

First to Widewing about P.X rations. Found it wasn't till next week. Col. Neil told me he is coming back to Widewing in 10 days.

Then to Norfolk House till lunch time, then home to Richmond.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23, 1944.

At Home.

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 24, 1944.

At Home.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 25, 1944.

Room 214 M. House.
Went to Control Comm (Air) School Regent's Park to
hear Vernon Bartlett. Then went home to Richmond
for aftn. nothing else to do.

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 26, 1944.

Norfolk House - forenoon: went home mid aftn.
nothing doing.

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 27, 1944.

Went to SHAEF about Px Rations & visited Neill at Wideawing.
Came to Norfolk House at 11 - stayed till early afternoon, then home to Richmond after reading German papers.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 28, 1944.

Room 214 N. House.

All day nothing to do: reading German.
Spoke DDMIO by telephone. Told him it now appeared that the war would not be over for several months yet. Could I be of any use at Victory House?
He would consult D.M.I.O.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 29, 1944.

Room 214 Norfolk House – all day, alone reading German.

W/Cdr Lambert & G/C Kelly (Admin) tried to induce me to put all "int." staff on "Forces of Occupation". I demurred: finally agreed that ~~that~~ a post for all int. Control staff be added to Berlin HQ establishment.

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 30, 1944.

In to Norfolk House forenoon but returned to Richmond for lunch.

D.D.M.O. telephoned today. D.M.O. had spoken about what help I could give at Victory House. He would like me to give Peters a hand with MO13 (Transport Command) till Bailey came home.
Would go over on Tuesday.

Sunday, OCTOBER 1, 1944.

Monday, OCTOBER 2, 1944.

Weekly meeting of Heads of Branches cancelled. This was the second meeting of the series: I missed the first one last week — forgot about it till too late.

Reading German.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 3, 1924.

Little or nothing doing all this week?

I went to Victory House to get started with M.O.13 as requested by DDMO on Saturday.
DDMO not there & Peters not there – anyway no accommodation. So I came back to Norfolk House with request to Miss Tucker that DDMO would call for me when I was wanted.

Wednesday, OCTOBER 4, 1944.

No request from Victory House so I continue in the rather solitary & aimless job at Norfolk House. Reading German & Control Commission papers.

W/Cdr Baker PR3 Whitehall telephoned about article on D day work for S. Chronicle. The Chronicle had come back on them since I had wanted it done a fortnight or so ago. Would I do it?

Consulted DDMO: it was ~~arranged~~ agreed that I might if I would but SHAEF should know of it.
Asked PR3 to consult SHAEF: they agreed.

Started to write article for S. Chronicle as set for today: but I am not fit. Made ~~very~~ several first drafts but had to give up

Some further work on the S. Chronicle article but still not fit. Had to give it up & go home early: 5 pm. I shall try to finish it over the weekend.

Saturday, OCTOBER 7, 1944.

At home writing article on Med' for D day for S. Chronicle.

Sunday, OCTOBER 8, 1944.

Completed article for Sunday Chronicle on D day Med'.

Monday, OCTOBER 9, 1944.

10 a.m. meeting of Heads of Branches postponed till tomorrow.

Got article for S. Chronicle (Med' for D day) typed & took copy to D.D.M.O.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 10, 1944.

10 a.m. Heads of Branches of A.A.F.D. meeting at Norfolk House; A.V.M. Davidson announced that AEAF will shortly disband & Air Disbandment H.Q. SHAEF will expand to absorb SHAEF.

Discussed with G/C Speight: he would agree that the tail would now wag the dog. (CCMS go down in prestige relative to Air Disarmament H.Q.)

Sent Jaspers of S. Chronicle article to PR 3.

S/Ldr Jenkins ETOUSA asked me to meet Mr Bridie at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Took shoe to Capt Humphrees AMO. Ext 120. Will be ready 10-14 days.

Wednesday, OCTOBER 11, 1944.

Norfolk House.

Started at Victory House on MOI3 matters.
No accommodation - worked in Mr D's room.

Saturday, OCTOBER 14, 1944.

Ordered to 15 Office?

Sunday, OCTOBER 15, 1944.

Monday, OCTOBER 16, 1944.

Norfolk House - forenoon
no meeting ~~at~~ of Heads of Branches.

Victory House from mid forenoon onwards on
Coastal Command matters.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 17, 1944.

Victory House on Coastal Cmd matters.
Sitting in DMO's room - no other accommodation
Mrs first full day on MO13 matters.

Wednesday, OCTOBER 18, 1944.

Victory House Coastal Cmd.

Thursday, OCTOBER 19, 1944.

Victory Hotel.

Friday, OCTOBER 20, 1944.

Victory Hotel:

Saturday, OCTOBER 21, 1944.

Victory House then Norfolk House late forenoon & afternoon.

Sunday, OCTOBER 22, 1944.

Monday, OCTOBER 23, 1944.

Victory House: meeting No 13 (Coastal Cmd.) arrangements to go to 15 Grp, Liverpool tomorrow.

Inspected 15 Emp. Liverpool

Euston 10.30 - Liverpool. 15.30. (Lime St)

Stayed in Hanover Hotel overnight.

At Liverpool. 15 Emp

Left Lime St. 14.00
arrived Euston 18.30.
Home 7.15 pm.

Thursday, OCTOBER 26, 1944.

Victory House all day
Report on Visit to 15 Inf [illegible] etc.

Friday, OCTOBER 27, 1944.

Victory House (in 013) all day: sitting in
DDMO's room with R.A. Watson.

Saturday, OCTOBER 28, 1944.

Victory House till 12.30 then home.

Sunday, OCTOBER 29, 1944.

Monday, OCTOBER 30, 1944.

Norfolk House – Control Commission.

Wrote letter to Austrian Commission re [illegible] [illegible] Staff for Austrian H.Q.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 31, 1944.

These are bad days. My only good shoes are at A.M. Unit being repaired & they are not being repaired. I'm getting my feet wet every other day, & I've got a heavy cold.

Sutherland has not much doing officially. I don't go near Norfolk House & into new brand MOI3 (combined Command). Things are relatively quiet.

I should be visiting stations but can't face this till my cold is better.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 1, 1944.

MOI3 Victory House - scenting small jobs - mainly nursing a bad cold.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 2, 1944.

Bad cold. Doing little in MO13.

Went to Hallam St. A.M.U. for Inoculation, + 1 Vaccination + medical inspection (presumably with view to going ultimately to Berlin).

With heavy cold + these doctorings feeling pretty down & out.

Friday, NOVEMBER 3, 1944.

Not much worth: did little in MO13 - sitting in DMO's room with RA Watson. No alternative accommodation can be found in Victory House.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, 1944.

Not at Office.
Took Peter to Seaford to leave him there pending Betty's going to Nursing Home.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 5, 1944.

Quiet day - working on Perambulator.

Monday, NOVEMBER 6, 1944.

Bad cold continuing: now had it for 3 weeks or more.

Did little at Vicky House - Met Sally in DMO's room with R.H. Watson.

Retd to Richmond ~~early~~ mid-afternoon.

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 7, 1944.

Vidoy House - all day

mainly reading Melt. Research Commee Reports
for last 6 or 9 months.

Still in uniform.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 8, 1944.

Vidoy House all day.

as yesterday: one or two Coastal Cmd letters.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 9, 1944.

Victory House
Then to Grosvenor Sq for Bus to Wide Wing.
Collected rations at Wide Wing returned to Grosvenor Sq by Bus.
Then to Victory Hse via Norfolk House.

Aftn to Hallam Street for 2nd Typhus Inoculation & back to Victory Hse.
Left Victory House for Richmond 4.15 pm.

Friday, NOVEMBER 10, 1944.

Victory Hse. (MO13) matters all day.
Still sitting in DDMO's room with R.A. Watson

Saturday, NOVEMBER 11, 1944.

At Victory House. Misc.^s Coastal Cmd work. ~~Returned~~ to Richmond also in aft^n.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 12, 1944.

Monday, NOVEMBER 13, 1944.

Pushed out of DMO's room: no other accommodation ready: into Head's room (my old one) as temp^y measure.

Later: Moved into Room 601 (Opposite lift), just vacated by Exchequer & Audit. – large dirty room but one to be shared by R.A. Watson & me – no longer being pushed about.

Continuing in uniform – except on & out to get books & papers, have not been near Norfolk House for fortnight or more.

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14, 1944.

Visited HQ 16 Grp. Mr Cope.
Saw Mts. Gilbert
Garrioch
Silver - F/Casters.

Interviewed SASO. Mcc Pearse
AOC. AVM. Hopps.

No Upper air charts being drawn.
Both Air & Naval people spoke highly of the
met service.

Cope wld like moved to a bigger Grp.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15, 1944.

Got Sergt Green on Met Report for Adm.
- 10 copies prepared for each of -
D. US Weather Servi
DMO
DHMS.

Mr Evans spoke about Legion of Merit - possible award.

Wrote report on Visit to Chatham.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 16, 1944.

(1) First to A.M.U. Hallam St. for 3rd Inoculation.

(2) Air Force Division (Control Commission) Norfolk House. Meeting - A.V.M. Davidson Chairman

Little came out of this: apparently SHAEF (Air) Rear - (Late Air Disarmament) is fighting with 2nd TAF about who should do what.

Gathered that AFD's job at the moment is practically negligible - interpreting Tripartite decisions. But it is for SHAEF (Air Rear) or 2nd TAF to put the Policy into practice.

These will be new matters shortly when France comes into the picture

(3) Then to A.M.U. Dentist (2nd Visit).

(4) After that to Victory House. Misc MO13 matters.

Friday, NOVEMBER 17, 1944.

Forenoon Victory House Rm 601 Misc. MO13 oddments.

Aftn. Widening last Rs.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 18, 1944.

Victory House NOTB matters: not much doing

Betty went off to Nursing Home this morning.
Sandy born at about 11 am.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 19, 1944.

Nursing Home Richmond - forenoon & evening.

To Waterloo to help Mr Dennis bring down apples collected from Sevenoaks.

Monday, NOVEMBER 20, 1944.

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21, 1944.

Victory House 1403.

Sergt Green phoned from N/folk House to say that meeting to be held tomorrow will be held today instead.

I consulted ADMS(O) whether I should go to Norfolk House meeting or to ADMO's first.

ADMO + DPO meeting also to be held this afternoon. He agreed that I must go to Norfolk House.

Norfolk House meeting about 21 Army Gp. Proposal to use British channels of organisation etc instead of O.K.L. Agreed

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 22, 1944.

~~Sergt Green~~

Norfolk House. Rm 229.
meeting at 1500 - Info Branch.
~~[illegible]~~ Use of SKL as executive.
(cancelled & put forward to Tuesday)

Thursday, NOVEMBER 23, 1944.

AM. Unit. 0915 for TABC inoculation then to Coastal Cmd HQ (first visit).

at C.C. HQ. from 11 am till 16.45.

Friday, NOVEMBER 24, 1944.

Busy day at Victory House in spite of suffering badly from Cold + yesterday's inoculation.

Arranged to go to Gib. on Tuesday morn of next week.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 25, 1944.

Victory House - full morning's work

Sunday, NOVEMBER 26, 1944.

Betty in Hospital: visited her twice

Monday, NOVEMBER 27, 1944.

Victory House: MOT3 matters.

Airways House 3 pm.

Left for Lyneham
Arrived Lyneham about 8 pm.

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 28, 1944.

Left Lyneham (Dakota Fl. 546) about 9 a.m. in pouring rain & low cloud.

arrived Istres (Marseilles) about 2 p.m. & Gibraltar about 9 p.m.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 29, 1944.

At Gibraltar – visited ACHQ. Windmill Hill Flats, North Front & new Camp with Oddie.

Dined in mess at night – went to bed early.

Thursday, NOVEMBER 30, 1944.

Left Gib in Dakota (Flt 546) at about 4 a.m.
Arrived Istres 9.30 a.m. where breakfast.
Made English Coast Selsey Bill for Lyneham
but redirected to Hendon where landed about
5 p.m.

Back to Richmond by 7 p.m. & visited Betty
in Nursing Home: arranged to come & take her out
tomorrow.

Friday, DECEMBER 1, 1944.

Victory House forenoon – report on visit to Gib.

After lunch returned to ~~Ri~~ Richmond & brought
Betty home.

Saturday, DECEMBER 2, 1944.

Vicky House W.O.T.S. matters.

Sunday, DECEMBER 3, 1944.

Monday, DECEMBER 4, 1944.

3rd Visit to A.M. Unit Dentist 1.45
(v8/ld [illegible] abbey)

At Victory House throughout the rest of December, working in Room 601 (with Mr Wilson No 74) on Control Council matters.

Thursday, DECEMBER 7, 1944.

Friday, DECEMBER 8, 1944.

Saturday, DECEMBER 9, 1944.

Sunday, DECEMBER 10, 1944.

Monday, DECEMBER 11, 1944.

Jenkins: Anglo American Film Unit will telephone about Met. Shots.

to arrange meeting to discuss with Read.

Tuesday, DECEMBER 12, 1944.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, 1944.

Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 1944.

Sunday, DECEMBER 17, 1944.

Monday, DECEMBER 18, 1944.

Tuesday, DECEMBER 19, 1944.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 20, 1944.

4th Visit to S/Ldr. Abbey Dentist 13.45

Saturday, DECEMBER 23, 1944.

Sunday, DECEMBER 24, 1944.

Monday, DECEMBER 25, 1944.
(CHRISTMAS DAY)

Tuesday, DECEMBER 26, 1944.
(BANK HOLIDAY)

Wednesday, DECEMBER 27, 1944.

Thursday, DECEMBER 28, 1944.

Friday, DECEMBER 29, 1944.

Saturday, DECEMBER 30, 1944.

Sunday, DECEMBER 31, 1944.

MEMORANDA.

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W/Cdr Lock (Iraq)
Tel - Sunbury on Thames 2962.
wants us to come to tea Sunday

MEMORANDA.